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15 CENTS DAILY, 30 CENTS SATURDAY

AIR CANADA NOW \$10M IN RED?

MONTREAL (CP) — Air Canada expects to have a \$10-million deficit for 1975, following a \$9.2-million deficit in 1974, Pierre Taschereau, acting chairman, said today.

The prospects for 1976 also appear grim although modest traffic growth was predicted.

If inflationary trends can be slowed "the economic outlook for air transportation could show slight improvement in 1976," Mr. Taschereau said.

The 1975 deficit was attributed to uncertainties in the Canadian and world economies which affected the volume of travellers and commodities. About 11 million passengers were carried in 1974.

Passenger traffic was down on all overseas services. Stiff competition from charter operators was blamed.

"The rising price of aviation fuel continues to be one of Air Canada's major financial problems," said Mr. Tas-

chereau, the temporary replacement of Yves Pratte, who resigned in November.

"The airline's fuel bill rose by 23 per cent or \$32 million over 1974," he said. "While this was due in part to additional flying, 85 per cent of the increase was attributed to higher fuel prices at home and abroad."

Skyrocketing fuel costs also were given as the major reason for the 1974 deficit.

"If further fuel price increases materialize in 1976 there will again be severe pressures on the price of air transportation."

Air Canada reduced the number of its employees by three per cent in 1974 last year but the total payroll increased to \$377 million from \$326 million in 1974 when there was a 10 per cent increase in the cost of living.

Revenue passenger miles on scheduled services declined by two per cent in 1975 and air cargo revenue on miles decreased by three per cent.

Times News Services
BELFAST — Britain rushed hundreds of troops and militia reinforcements into Armagh today in a bid to head off revenge killings by Protestants outraged at the massacre of 10 of their number by suspected Irish Republican Army gunmen.

Britain's chief minister in Northern Ireland, Merlyn Rees, summoned political leaders of both Roman Catholic and Protestant communities to an emergency conference to consider how to halt the spiraling wave of sectarian assassinations that took 16 lives in 24 hours.

He termed the machine-gun massacre of the 10 textile workers aboard a bus Monday as "pure Al Capone gangsterism."

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'AL CAPONE GANGSTERISM' IN ULSTER

Troops Mass After Killings

"The killings were not political acts," he added. "It is murder. It is thuggery."

The gunmen "stand condemned in the sight of God and men," said William Cardinal Conway, the Catholic primate of all Ireland.

"Those who take a life for a life are splitting in the face of Christ."

Security officials said more than 1,000 troops and part-time militia men were blocking the South Armagh region where the Protestants were lined up and shot Monday as they rode home from work.

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ering the 640 square-mile area.

Reports from the hilly region said both Catholic and Protestant families were abandoning isolated farmhouses and moving in with friends and relatives in the comparative safety of local towns and villages with men were working the farms during the day but seeking refuge before dark.

The police also blamed the IRA for another ambush Monday night in which a policeman was killed and two others were wounded near Castledawson, 40 miles west of Belfast.

Police said at least a dozen gunmen took part in the bus ambush.

The police gave this account of the killings:

The textile workers from a mill at Glensanne were in a bus bound for Bessbrook, a small Protestant enclave in the Catholic-dominated area. One man with a red light flagged the bus to a stop in a driving rain at the Kingsmill crossroads about a mile from Whitecross.

Policemen identified himself as a Catholic and was led to safety. The other 11 were gunned down as they stood in front of the bus. Ten were killed and one seriously injured.

"When I got there it was a grisly scene," said a local inhabitant who helped pile bodies into an ambulance.

"There seemed to be bodies and blood all over the road. I never want to see anything like it again."

They Must Be Able To Read TV Guide

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — The board of education has laid down a new rule: Beginning with the class of 1979, no high school diploma will be given to those who can't read — at least well enough to understand a TV guide, labels, signs and government forms like social security and welfare applications.

The board passed the rule Monday night, demanding that students not be given high school diplomas unless they possess at least what one member called "survival" reading ability.

It will not apply for three years because it was felt to be unfair to the current crop of senior high school students.

Students entering the 10th grade next September will be given the new senior high assessment of reading proficiency test, and will get four chances to pass it to qualify for a diploma.

School officials said the test will be changed each year to prevent students who cannot read from passing by memorizing it after taking it so many times.

The board mandated that the test be designed to show that a student can read well enough to qualify in three areas:

—Follow directions to fill out applications for documents such as driver's licences, unemployment insurance claims, voting registration, social security forms and job applications.

—Understand labels, want ads, traffic signs, news stories, warranties, credit applications and cheque books.

—Understand road maps, electric bills, TV guides, job resumes and cash register tapes.

No Promises: Bennett Eyes ICBC Reliefs

Turkish Avalanche Kills 10

ANKARA (AP) — An avalanche killed 10 persons in eastern Turkey today as wind and snow storms swept across the country, paralyzing highway traffic, the state radio reported.

The radio said the avalanche, which injured another nine persons, struck in the eastern province of Diyarbakir.

The storm left two passenger buses, each carrying 40 persons, missing between the eastern cities of Erzurum and Van and knocked out electricity in many eastern towns, the broadcast said.

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Officials estimated damage

Insurance Agents in Dark on Fees

British Columbia insurance agents have been left without any idea what their incomes will be next year after the announcement of Autoplan rate increases last week.

The Insurance Agents' Association began negotiating Autoplan commission rates for 1976 several months ago, but those discussions "have gone by the boards" with a change of government and the an-

nouncement of a new rate structure.

Agents received seven per cent commission last year and were bargaining to get a higher rate in the new year.

With premiums 10 to 15 per cent higher than last year, however, their incomes would have automatically have doubled or tripled, even if it stayed at the old seven per cent commission rate.

But agents' association

president Tom Norton said in a telephone interview from Prince George today there is "a whole new ball game" and he didn't know what would happen.

"We had a bargaining position in October and have been negotiating that but with all the changes in the last few weeks, that's all redundant now. I just don't know what will happen."

A meeting is planned in about two weeks between the association and ICBC and Norton said he expects to learn then what the corporation has in mind for the agents.

He said he did not want to comment any further because it would be premature before new discussions were held with ICBC.

The president said, however,

under the private insurance system, agents kept the same commission each year, although it varied between companies and agents, and incomes increased each year as premiums went up.

In the last three years agents' incomes have gone down generally as a result of the government automobile insurance system, said Norton.

KING SOLOMON'S MINERS STRIKE

cause of forecasts they would lose \$50 million in the next three years. The mines lost \$10 million in 1975.

In emergency consultations Monday night, Commerce Minister Haim Bar-Lev agreed to keep the Timna mines — as they are now called — open until a majority of the 700 miners find other jobs.

Citizens of Eilat walked off their jobs Monday to protest a government decision to close the ancient copper mines be-

More Woes Hit Games

Canadian Press

MONTREAL — If circumstances force postponement of the Olympics, the city should be given additional time to complete its facilities rather than have the Games moved to an alternative site such as Mexico, Municipal Affairs Minister Victor Goldbloom said today.

The provincial minister, who is charged with overseeing completion of the troubled Olympic site, was amplifying in an interview remarks he made Monday during a press tour of the facilities.

He said Lord Killanin, head of the International Olympic Committee, plans to issue a statement today saying that no request for a postponement has been received from Montreal "and it's not a consideration" at present, "it's purely hypothetical."

Any decision to postpone the Games, Goldbloom stressed, is up to the IOC.

However, it was believed to have been the first time the possibility of postponement has been discussed openly by Quebec officials connected with the Games.

Discussion of a postponement was not initiated by him, but by reporters, he added.

Meanwhile, construction of the main stadium for the games was dealt another setback after a stadium official admitted that a vital section of the pre-cast structure has been improperly installed.

The section, one of a series of interconnecting panels housing wiring for lighting and communications systems, is six inches short of linking with an adjacent panel, said Roger Trudeau, director-general of the Olympics installation board which oversees construction of the main Games facility.

Unless all 38 panels — which ring the top of the stadium — are properly joined, the entire lighting and communications system will not function, Trudeau said.

Bennett Eyes ICBC Relief

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afford the increase all at once.

He asked Victorians to write to him personally and he will deliver each letter to McGeer.

In Ottawa, despite "screaming" complaints by shocked British Columbians faced with the new rates, the first word from the federal anti-inflation board is sorry, there's nothing it can do about them.

The board indicated it appears not to have jurisdiction to roll back increases here.

Until B.C. formally agrees to have government agencies and Crown corporations subject to the same anti-inflation

Convoy Halted

Times News Services

BEIRUT — Christian militiamen defied a Palestinian ultimatum today and prevented a food convoy from reaching two refugee camps on the edge of the capital for the third time in 48 hours, a spokesman reported.

The spokesman said two trucks loaded with 30 tons of flour were disabled by machine-gun fire and grenade explosions and that the Christians took all the flour.

A guerrilla spokesman, however, said the convoy returned safely to its parking area and that he had no information about any trucks being damaged.

Al Fatah, Yasser Arafat's guerrilla group, had been trying since Sunday to send truckloads of sugar, rice, dry milk and flour to the Jisr el-Basha and Tal Zaatar camps, which are on two adjacent hills controlling the northeastern approaches to Beirut.

More than 25,000 Palestinians live in and around the camps.

A six-hour meeting of Palestinian and leftist Lebanese militia leaders Monday night rejected a Christian demand that trucks passing through their territory to Tal Zaatar agree to be stopped and searched for weapons as a condition for ending the blockade.

March organizer Sharon MacBain said the demonstration was organized after the Community Action Group received a number of angry calls from people who said something should be done to protest the increases.

the weather

Arctic air continues to give cold cloudy weather to the Interior with the occasional light snow flurry. A few rain or snow showers will be experienced along the West Coast today with some clearing over the south coast by afternoon. A disturbance west of the weather ship this morning will bring mainly overcast skies with more rain and snow to the West Coast Wednesday with little change in temperatures.

DOMINION PUBLIC WEATHER OFFICE 10 A.M. FORECASTS

Valid Until Midnight Wednesday

Greater Victoria: Mostly cloudy today with a few showers. Highs near 5. Lows tonight near 3. Cloudy Wednesday with periods of rain. Highs 4 to 5.

Greater Vancouver, East Vancouver Island: Mainly cloudy today with a few showers. Highs near 6. Lows tonight near 3. Cloudy Wednesday with periods of rain. Highs 4 to 5.

Lower mainland: Mainly cloudy today with showers of rain or mixed rain and snow. Highs 3 to 4. Lows tonight near zero to minus 1. Cloudy Wednesday with periods of rain or mixed rain and snow. Snow over the eastern Fraser Valley and further inland. Highs near 3.

North and West Vancouver Island: Mostly cloudy with a few showers. Highs 4 to 5. Lows tonight 1 to 2. Overcast early Wednesday morning with periods of rain turning to showers by afternoon or evening. Highs to 8 to 10.

TEMPERATURES

Yesterday Max. Min. Precip.

Victoria 7 2 2.5

Normal 7 2 2

One Year Ago

Victoria 8 4 9.9

ACROSS THE CONTINENT

P. Rupert 4 - 3 10.2

P. George -16 -22 4.8

Kamloops -1 -7

Vancouver 6 3 9.7

Lethbridge -10 -29 5

Vermilion -22 -31 3

Edmonton -20 -20 3.0

Jasper -18 -24 1.3

Banff -15 -23 .8

Calgary -19 -30 2.3

N. Battelfield -21 -36 5

Saskatoon -20 -35 5

S. Current -19 -33 1.5

Yorkton -18 -33 1.3

Moose Jaw -14 -35 2.3

Thompson -20 -40 trace

North Bay -7 -12 trace

Regina -13 -35 .20

Estevan -11 -31 .5

Brandon -16 -35 1.8

Winnipeg -17 -32 2.3

Kenora -15 -27 3.3

Thunder B. -8 -12 2.3

Dauphin -23 -35

White R. -13 -37 3.0

Toronto -6 -10 3.0

Ottawa -6 -13

Montreal -16 -19 trace

Quebec -13 -24 trace

St. John's -19 -22 3

Halifax -2 -12

Charlottetown -5 -18 3

Fredericton -11 -22

U.S. temperatures: Boston -6 -11; Washington 0, -7;

Los Angeles 18, 7; San Diego 18, 8; San Francisco 12, 7;

Denver 10, -3; Las Vegas 12, 1; Phoenix 17, 3; Chicago -3, 17; Minneapolis 1, 3; New York -3, -7; Miami 20, 18.

World temperatures: Amsterdam 4, 8; Athens 4, 11; Bangkok 24, 23; Beirut 9, 16; Berlin 11, 14; Brussels 3, 11; Buenos Aires 20, 25; Copenhagen 3, 6; Frankfurt 5, 6; Geneva 0, 6; Helsinki -12, -8; Hong Kong 18, 18; Johannesburg 14, 19; Kiev -20, -10; Lisbon 7, 16; London 9, 11; Madrid 1, 16; Moscow 21, -16; Paris 8, 11; Rio 20, 35; Rome 9, 12; Sao Paulo 18, 28; Seoul 8, -3; Singapore 22, 30; Stockholm 8, -4; Taipei 10, 14; Tehran 7, 11; Tel Aviv 9, 14; Tokyo 5, 11.

CLIMATE'S WEATHER RECORD

Sunshine January 5.8 hrs.

Last January 12.0 hrs.

Normal (30 Years) 9.8 hrs.

Sunshine, 1976 8.8 hrs.

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Precipitation January 9.4 mm.

Last January 26.7 mm.

Normal (30 Years) 22.9 mm.

Precipitation, 1976 9.4 mm.

Last Year 26.7 mm.

Normal (30 Years) 26.7 mm.

Precipitation January 2.3 mm.

Last January 5.9 mm.

Normal (30 Years) 2.3 mm.

Precipitation, 1976 5.9 mm.

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25% Tax Increase Looms For Victoria Residents

Cost of operating the city of Victoria this year could climb 27.6 per cent to a total of \$38.4 million, according to the provisional budget tabled at the inaugural meeting of council Monday.

Mayor Mike Young requested tabling rather than the customary adoption to permit department heads to reconsider the budget before the statutory deadline for adoption Jan. 15.

Young expressed alarm at the prospect of such a substantially higher operating budget, principally due to increased wages and salaries, and predicted the possibility

of a 25 per cent increase in property taxes.

The mayor said if the provisional amounts are a true indication, the mill rate will climb from 43.65 in 1975 to 55 or 56 mills in the current year.

Although the provisional budget is generally treated as a necessary formality, to allow the city to conduct its business in the early part of each year until the annual budget is prepared, Mayor Young is attaching more significance than usual to the document this year.

He apparently considers the estimates it contains to be a fairly accurate prediction of

the costs Victoria is facing in the coming 12 months.

Spending last year was based on revenue of \$33.27 million, of which the general tax levy raised just over \$10 million. This year tax revenues for general purposes would have to rise just over \$3 million to help provide total revenue of \$38.4 million.

The provisional budget shows school tax revenue would have to be \$12 million against \$10.56 last year, and the total raised by taxes would have to go from \$23.2 million to \$27.94 million.

Government grants in lieu of taxes would only rise to \$388,632 from \$777,245 accord-

ing to existing formulas, a point on which Young was adamant in pressing for change.

Operating costs for general government and protective services would climb, according to the provisional budget, from \$5.48 million to \$6.57 million; sanitation and waste removal from \$1.4 million to \$2 million; recreation and cultural services from \$3.96 million to \$4.7 million; water distribution from \$1.28 million to \$1.66 million.

Young also expressed concern for the rising cost of administering the Capital Regional District, which he noted had almost doubled to \$10 million in two years.

He wondered whether the large amount of property taxes outstanding at the end of 1975 represents inability to pay or a device employed by corporations to finance current developments. Young said uncollected taxes are mainly owed by major corporations in the apartment and hotel industry.

About 22 owners account for more than half the \$1 million in unpaid taxes, he said, urging council to devote itself early to the problem, perhaps to seek authority to raise interest rates on unpaid tax to bring them in line with current market rates for borrowing.

Either that, he said, or to be provided with a more effective means of collecting the unpaid tax than the existing cumbersome tax sale procedure that takes four years to complete.

But if the situation reflects inability to pay, then the mayor said it is an indication that the upper limit of taxation is within reach.

On the subject of labor relations, the mayor said there is a glimmer of optimism that bargaining for public servants would be smoother with operation of Greater Victoria Labor Relations Association, with its early accreditation as bargaining agent for municipalities, school board and other local bodies.

Provincial court Judge Doug Campbell conducted the swearing-in ceremony for the new aldermen for 1976 and 1977 — Isabel Craig, Norm Pimlott and Doug McLelland. All three aldermen were re-elected unopposed.

Council approved the following committee appointments:

Committee A: Ald. Shirley Dowell, chairman, parks and recreation; Ald. John Gout, chairman, zoning and personnel; Ald. Pimlott, chairman finance and fire.

Committee B: Ald. Craig; Ald. McLelland, chairman, lands, buildings and housing; Ald. Watts, chairman, works.

Acting Mayor will be Ald. Gout, who is also the municipality's director on the Capital Regional District board.

Council approved a provisional budget of \$4.6 million pending the passage of the full budget in April or May.

Treasurer Ian Forster said some of the expenditure amounts are based on part of the year and some for all of the year.

"Really it's just a supply bill until the budget," he said. "You can't put a mill rate figure on it because it is only for a portion of a year."

Approval of the provisional budget, required under the Municipal Act, enables council to spend tax money between now and approval of the full budget in four months.

Council Vs. Unions: Smith Seeks Allies



SMITH
... vital issue

Oak Bay council was told Monday night it is "absolutely vital" that all local councils join in a single bargaining unit in negotiations with their unions.

The comment was made in Mayor Brian Smith's inaugural address to the 1976 council. The address was read by Ald. Doug Watts in the absence of Smith, who is holidaying in Hawaii.

"One of the most important steps in ensuring future strength in labor negotiations is being taken by the municipalities, the regional district and the school board early in 1976," said Smith.

"We are in the process of forming an Intermunicipal Labor Relations Association which we expect will become accredited as a bargaining unit to deal with the unions who represent our employees.

"Through this association, we will have strength and unity, as well as control and expertise in approaching our labor negotiations.

"It is absolutely vital that all the major municipalities join this unit and do not opt to go it alone. The 'go-it-alone' philosophy has disastrous consequences for all of us because if one element of local government decides to bargain on its own, and ends up making a bad settlement, then that settlement influences strongly the results for everyone else."

Referring to the three-month lockout in 1975, Smith said council and administrative staff, "enjoying the assistance of several hundred valiant volunteers, refused to close this municipality down in the face of a picket line, believing as we did that we were charged not only with the responsibility of resisting inflationary wage demands, but also of carrying out essential services to our citizens. I feel we were reasonably successful in getting this message across to the national officers of the union."

"I believe most of our employees sincerely regret that the work stoppage occurred and I hope that it will be many years before we ever

experience such outrageous contract demands and such total breakdown of negotiations between management and labor, as we experienced in 1975."

Smith said council could look back with pride on three achievements in 1975, in which the provincial government also participated: The opening of the recreation centre, the purchase of Anderson Hill as a park and the purchase of Tod House at 2564 Heron, believed to be the oldest residence on Vancouver Island.

During 1976, he said, council must continue to ensure that the recreation centre is fairly and equitably used by all sections of the population "and that it is not permitted to become the private preserve of only a few enthusiastic recreational groups to the exclusion of our citizens at large."

Referring to council's cut-back in garbage service to fortnightly from weekly, Smith said he hoped council would institute the return to weekly pickup not only at Christmas "but also during the warm summer months."

One of council's major tasks in 1976 will be "to continue to develop ways to improve and streamline municipal operations so that our taxpayers

will receive the best value that is possible for their tax dollar."

He described the revenue picture as "discouraging." He hoped the new Social Credit government will institute a pledge of more revenue sources for the municipalities, including a sharing of income tax revenue.

"It is also important that the provincial government commence to pay its full share of taxation on lands which are owned by it and by the university," he said.

"If proper taxation was paid on this land in Oak Bay, the way it is paid by ordinary taxpayers, we would receive an increased revenue of approximately \$324,000 per year."

Provincial court Judge Doug Campbell conducted the swearing-in ceremony for the new aldermen for 1976 and 1977 — Isabel Craig, Norm Pimlott and Doug McLelland. All three aldermen were re-elected unopposed.

Council approved the following committee appointments:

Committee A: Ald. Shirley Dowell, chairman, parks and recreation; Ald. John Gout, chairman, zoning and personnel; Ald. Pimlott, chairman finance and fire.

Committee B: Ald. Craig; Ald. McLelland, chairman, lands, buildings and housing; Ald. Watts, chairman, works.

Acting Mayor will be Ald. Gout, who is also the municipality's director on the Capital Regional District board.

Council approved a provisional budget of \$4.6 million pending the passage of the full budget in April or May.

Treasurer Ian Forster said some of the expenditure amounts are based on part of the year and some for all of the year.

"Really it's just a supply bill until the budget," he said. "You can't put a mill rate figure on it because it is only for a portion of a year."

Approval of the provisional budget, required under the Municipal Act, enables council to spend tax money between now and approval of the full budget in four months.

Public Housing Burden Hits Victoria Aldermen

Only a day after Victoria city council was warned Monday about the dangers of involving the city in construction of public housing, an example of the operating cost burden was presented to aldermen this morning.

The housing committee was told that this year's estimated deficit on the operation of the Blanshard Court urban renewal housing project will be \$414,000.

As one of the partners in the enterprise, together with the federal and provincial governments, Victoria has to pay one-eighth of that sum or about \$51,800, said city manager Jim Bramley.

The 134-unit complex, which was opened in April, 1970, has been called a sociological disaster because of its ghetto-like concentration of low-income families and lack of amenities.

Mayor Mike Young, who in his inaugural address Monday had cautioned council "not to become involved financially in the construction of public housing," noted today that the deficit figure quoted means each unit in the complex is being subsidized at well over \$2,000 annually.

New member of council, Ald. Bob Wright, said in the circumstances the term sub-

sidiy is an understatement, and Ald. Alf Hood added: "This is precisely why we're becoming just a wee bit cautious about becoming financially involved in subsidized housing."

The committee recommended that comptroller Mason Sheldrick be appointed the city's representative on the B.C. Housing Management Commission, which administers the Blanshard Court complex and other subsidized housing projects.

No detailed cost breakdown was available to show how much of the total was taken up by debt amortization in relation to actual operating costs.

However, city planning

director Geoff Greenhalgh commented that in other similar public housing projects across Canada the operating costs are surprisingly high.

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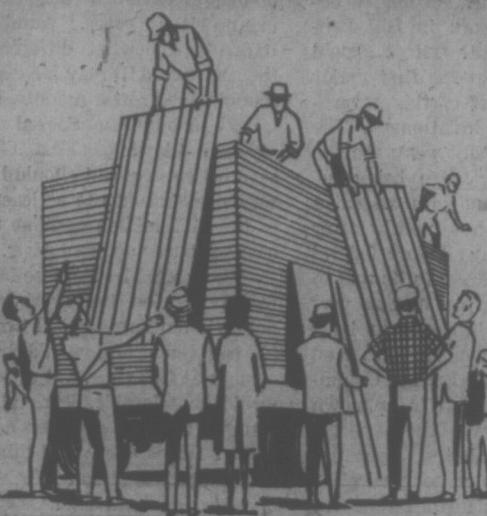
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ICBC Needs a 'Second Look'

Last Tuesday Premier Bill Bennett promised an absolute commitment to break down inflationary pressures. Three days later one of his ministers announced automobile insurance rates would increase between 100 and 150 per cent, or more than \$100 for the average B.C. driver. The same minister, naively to ways of governing, arrogantly advised British Columbians to sell their cars if they could not afford new insurance rates. That said, Dr. Pat McGeer, the minister in question, jumped a jet for a four day Hawaiian holiday. All of a sudden Social Credit's business-like beginning was dissolving into a situation comedy about a flakey Ruritanian government.

When Bennett's newly minted cabinet first considered a quantum jump in auto insurance rates it probably reasoned that increases could be blamed on the former regime's financial mismanagement. Falling that, it was four years until the next election and people tend to forget. There is also a strange ethic afloat in B.C. now — fostered by the Social Credit government no doubt — that somehow we must all suffer for those wild party years under the NDP. It is evident when McGeer says Autoplan increases are only the first of a series of unpleasant shocks for British Columbians. It is evident in the melodramatic, almost Horatio Alger gusto, with which the new

government attacked the business of governing.

There is nothing wrong with this noble suffering. In fact, it encourages confidence in Bill Bennett's government. But it should also be noted that the first major move on the part of this government is highly inflationary. The poor and financially weak are the hardest hit. They are being ordered to come up with an extra \$100 or \$200 a few months after Christmas and just before federal income tax deadlines. In its zeal to make everything pay its own way the government appears to have forgotten human dimensions. And what about rural British Columbians? Public transit is unknown in these areas yet these people must pay the highest insurance rates of all. Rich or poor, rural or urban, it makes no difference to McGeer. This obsession about applying the principles of business to governing could be the Bennett administration's undoing.

Angry reaction to proposed ICBC increases shows no signs of abating. In fact, it is gathering speed. An official of the federal anti-inflation board says the board is becoming inundated by literally thousands of complaints from angry B.C. residents. While the provincial government indicated Ottawa would go along with Autoplan increases because the corporation was in a loss position, the AIB official says the board is "considering the matter." Looking at the

issue from another point of view, the AIB would laugh at any private company that proposed to double prices now because of losses in previous years. Admittedly, ICBC is somewhat different but the sensitive AIB may have second thoughts as protest mounts. If this wasn't enough, a Socred MLA, Howard Lloyd of Fort George, says his government should have a second look, and use at least part of the \$125 million gasoline tax to ease the burden on motorists.

We agree. The increase McGeer would foist on the overburdened public is too large and ill timed. A 25 per cent raise would be bad enough at this time, but at least it would be tolerable. With all that vaunted business sense on government benches one would think the government could run ICBC so efficiently in succeeding years that other large increases would be unnecessary. The irony here is that McGeer is ultimately right. People who can't afford auto insurance should sell their cars. But it has yet to be proved that ICBC rates need to be doubled. Nor is the minister's statement viable until his government provides an adequate public transit system. Since this government has promised neither it has a responsibility to help the people it governs shoulder this new burden. Soften the blow, indeed. The premier should focus his attention on the people of this province instead of tut-tutting his way through the ledgers and accounts.

TV or Not TV

The Chinese do it. North Americans do it. Russians do it. Argentines do it. Europeans do it too. As of Monday, the South Africans do it too. Watch television, that is. The world's last main holdout against video was introduced to the wonders of the tube on Monday night.

With a lineup featuring Bob Newhart, the Paris symphony, kiddies' shows, local variety entertainment, news, previews, Prime Minister John Vorster and a religious sign-off, the South African Broadcasting Corp. brought television to veldt and kraal.

a comfort for those who felt North American television's grasp fell far short of its reach.

But now? Cecil Rhodes' dream of a Cape-to-Cairo railroad is still far off, but Africa today is traversed by television transmitters. The imperialists who ransacked the dark continent are long gone, but the west's most far-reaching invention, for good or ill, is now pervasive. Roll on Howdy Doody, Ed Sullivan, Let's Make A Deal, Police Story, As the World Turns, et al. What force of arms could not, may be accomplished by a bread box with a blue light in it.

The thought that one place in the world had yet to despoil the airwaves with I Love Lucy reruns, soap operas and game shows, cops and robbers programs and stultifying made-for-television movies was



"... remarkable guy, this Pat McGeer ... minister of education only a week and already he's taught the whole province a lesson it won't soon forget ..."

W. A. WILSON

No Time to Be Stampeded

Ottawa — The 1960s are notorious as an intensely materialistic period, not surprisingly so considering their particular place in history.

The great depression of the 1930s had smashed many hopes and lives and imposed the meanest living conditions upon millions of families. The accompanying rise of fascism had brought the Second World War with its deprivations, separations and tragedies. In the 1950s, for the first time in two decades, men were free to pursue materialistic goals. They did it with a vengeance.

The loudest cries against such single-minded pursuit at that time came from the pulpit. Here and there, troubled clergymen — speaking in tones not too different from those of Prime Minister Trudeau today — raised their voices urging men and women to remember that broader lives were not merely possible but essential to human fulfillment.

These clergymen were not always popular with their congregations, some of whom felt offended by the strictures from the pulpit, believing themselves unjustly criticized. Others simply found such sermons disturbing.

If the prime minister were merely crying out for a new set of values he would not find it an entirely popular activity, no matter how sound his words of wisdom. His highly visible lifestyle, with its insensitive jet-set aspects, does not well equip him to play at Savonarola calling upon Florentines to burn their vanities in the public squares. That priest at least lived in a cell.



LOUIS ST. LAURENT
PM in the materialistic 1950s

The 1960s were a period of exceptionally rapid growth. It did much more than enrich the upper income brackets of society. An increasingly large portion of the proceeds of prosperity was devoted to social policy. The Canada Assistance Plan was a bigger step forward than many recognize even today. The Canada and Quebec pension plans introduced a

local accidents, such as the fact that all the advanced economies came into a state of boom almost simultaneously, creating a wave of unprecedented demand and furious inflation. Some of the causes of the volatility are not likely to be repetitive, most notably the quadrupling of oil prices.

The international readjustments have gone far better than many experts expected early in 1974 and the national collapses that were feared then have not, in fact, come about. The national adjustments are proceeding, albeit slowly.

In Canada, we do have some serious problems, some of them structural, some psychological. The problem of public sector remuneration, where the ultimate discipline of profitability does not apply, has not been resolved and it is producing distortions in the private sector. The economic insanity of wage demands so high that they go far beyond legitimate catching up and become inflation-causing has not yet been recognized by labor. It is doubtful if most corporations even now recognize the serious damage done through the spread of suspicion by the huge inventory profits and today's extreme wage demands.

No Stampede

If statesmanship has been lacking among labor leaders, the long view and a sense of the need to safeguard the economic system was equally absent from corporate board rooms two years ago. We will not get out of these problems by some fiat of government bureaucracy, by dismissing as unworkable the economy that brought us to this stage. We need to repair and adjust the economy, but we need to do it carefully, not radically. Many of the other problems are far more likely to be dealt with by some process of social evolution than by any action of government.

We should not be complacent about today's problems because they are serious by we should not be stampeded by a spasm of government gloom.

60 YEARS AGO

From the Times of January 6, 1916

TORONTO — A big conference of the representative men and women of the Toronto military district has been called for next week at the University of Toronto, to consider a great scheme for releasing men of military age in this district and replacing them with women. Such occupations as those of sales clerks, street car conductors, office employees, and various semi-professional pursuits are aimed at in this regard. According to careful estimates 14,000 men would be released in Toronto alone.



KING GATSHA BUTHELEZI
ruler of four million Zulus

increasingly polarized. But remember that the economic interdependence of the peoples of all south Africa has not been disengaged even by the independence of many black countries.

"We aren't demanding the withdrawal of the white man. We simply wish to end fragmentation of South Africa's peoples, the balkanization of our common homeland. I don't believe in violence, only in nonviolent pressures. Civil disobedience has great possibilities here."

After all, that great American democrat, Thomas Jefferson, whose longtime mistress was a quadroon slave, wrote in 1820: "The two races" (white and black) "equally free, cannot live in the same government. Nature, habit, opinion, have drawn indelible lines of distinction between them."

It took generations, but the United States in the end learned that on this issue Jefferson was wholly wrong. South Africa is fated to learn the same lesson. One may only hope it will do so by itself, without the involvement of "friends" as in Angola, and in time to assure the success of Buthelezi's peaceful formula.

Despite their intense materialism, the 1950s had other aspects. Affecting the entire western world, a period of great social change began at about the midpoint of that decade, or at any rate it first became apparent then. In Canada, some significant steps in social policy were taken.

Unemployment insurance had been introduced during the spartan wartime years and family allowances followed soon after the war ended. In the early 1950s, the quite conservative government of Louis St. Laurent introduced the first universal, state-financed old age pensions. The scale was not generous and the age threshold was too high but the importance of the action went far beyond.

It meant that this country was firmly embarked on its continuing policy of employing many of the resources of its affluence for laudable social purposes. Later in the decade, the hospital insurance legislation followed.

It seems to me that any reappraisal now, in a very troubled period, must take into account two aspects of our immediate past — the fact that we have employed many of the resources of a period of unprecedented growth for non-selfish, socially valuable purposes and the fact that society has, for 20 years, been changing its standards and values at a very rapid rate.

It is a commonplace that a free market economy does not exist and has not for a considerably time. It is, as the prime minister insists, impaired by concentrations of monopolistic power. Yet it is this very imperfect system that has brought us to the point where we are today. It is out of kilter today but this is a little early to be insisting that it will no longer work.

The world economy has been extremely volatile all through the 1970s but many, if not all, the causes are indeterminable. Some come close to being histor-

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Are Soviet Hawks Winning Kremlin?

By VICTOR ZORZA
Manchester Guardian

There are so many signs of tougher stands being taken by the Kremlin on a number of issues that the question has to be asked whether Soviet policy as a whole is shifting to a hard line.

The signs range from the newly announced Five-Year Plan on the domestic side, with its greater stress on heavy industry, to the activist policy in Angola. The lack of movement on SALT is accompanied at home by greater pressure on dissidents. The leadership debate on the crisis of capitalism, and the advisability of more revolutionary action in the West, also appears to have ended with a victory for the activists. And all the while the Soviet arms build-up, which at one time seemed designed only to catch up with the West, is going ahead without any indication of a slow-down.

A Legitimate Response

There are those in the West, and I would count myself among them, who have long argued that the Soviet strategic build-up should be viewed as a legitimate response to U.S. superiority. The United States has been able to use some of its excess weapons as bargaining chips to impose some restraints on the Soviet arms program, and some of the Kremlin's new strategic arms may also be intended for use as bargaining chips in the later stages of SALT. But both the strategic and conventional arms program now under way in the Soviet Union show a disturbing tendency to go on and on, and the information now available makes it possible to project a curve intersecting with Western programs and going on regardless.

Again there have been those in the West who argued, like myself, that the United States should make some concessions in the arms negotiations, in order to help the Kremlin to extract concessions from the Soviet hardliners. But if the Soviet hawks continue to acquire an ever greater say in Soviet policy making, then they will ask for more concessions from the West. When they get them, they will argue that this shows the West's weakness and that the Kremlin should therefore press for more — just as the West's own hawks once pressed the Kremlin.

This is why the Soviet debate on the crisis of capitalism, and the conclusion it has reached about the West's inherent weakness, is so important. While few details of the debate or its outcome are available, a recent rush of articles in the Soviet press on the related subject of revolutionary tactics in the West — which have also been an issue in the same debate — suggests that the debate is over.

The articles have been appearing mainly in the more esoteric Soviet journals, such as "Problems of Philosophy," and those dealing with history, ideology, and the like, but they are written by high party officials who have taken part in the leadership debate and may therefore be presumed to know its outcome. The more revolutionary policy they recom-

mend to Western Communist parties is based on the conclusion that the crisis of capitalism has so weakened the Western system as to make it vulnerable to determined pressure.

A similar conclusion may well have been reached about Soviet foreign policy. Certainly past Kremlin debates about the crisis of capitalism and revolutionary tactics were always directly related to the question of what foreign policy the Soviet Union should follow.

A recent article on detente in Izvestia, which was clearly part of the hidden debate, hinted at the intensity of the present Kremlin struggle by recalling a similar debate in Lenin's days between Soviet leaders who wanted to promote revolution in the West and those who preferred a foreign policy of "peaceful coexistence." Lenin's coexistence formula had only prevailed, it pointedly noted, after "a struggle full of drama and the clash of arguments and authorities, reflecting views on the pace and the direction of the world revolutionary process."

No Soviet leader can now seriously believe in the possibility of successful Communist revolutions in the more developed countries of the West, but there are obviously those who believe that a more activist policy on the revolutionary and foreign policy fronts should take every advantage of the crisis of capitalism while it lasts. Soviet actions in Angola derive at least in part from the view that the "national liberation struggle" in the former colonies is a component of the worldwide revolutionary struggle which stands a greater chance of success because of the crisis of capitalism.

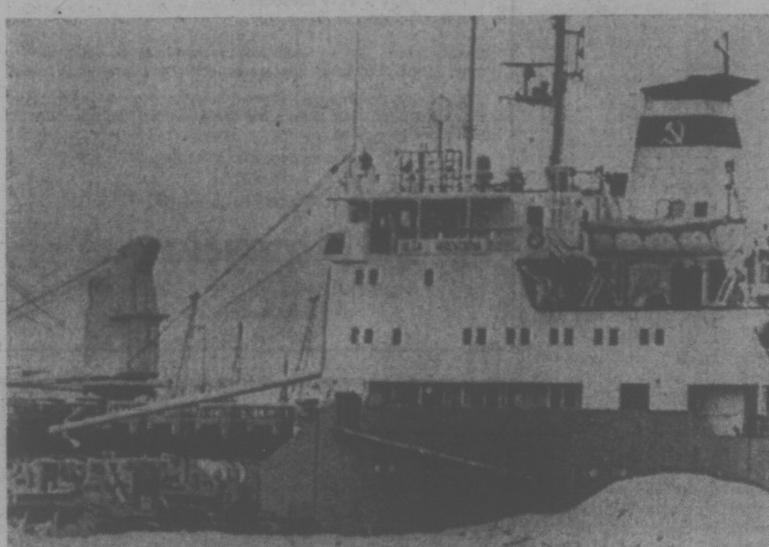
But the Soviet Union can exploit this favorable situation only if it has the strength to stand up to Western attempts to restrain it. The military build-up is increasingly giving it the confidence—and the hardware—with which to intervene in far-off places and to disregard calls to moderation. The emphasis on heavy industry in the new Five-Year Plan formula has only prevailed, it pointedly noted, after "a struggle full of drama and the clash of arguments and authorities, reflecting views on the pace and the direction of the world revolutionary process."

The ceding of the federal minister for Consumer and Corporate Affairs for contempt of court (to be heard in Montreal on Friday) ties in with one theme in Richardson's book: What kind of justice do we get in Canadian courts, particularly Quebec courts?

Promises Broken By U.S.

It may be that what we now see is the result of Washington's failure to deliver on the promises made to Brezhnev since President Nixon's first Moscow summit — or, at least, on the promises Brezhnev thought he had received and had then used to hold off the hawks. It may be that the West should have made more concessions to help him. But he has been giving way to the hawks for more than a year now, ever since he abrogated the agreement on Jewish emigration, and any major concessions made to the Kremlin now would only strengthen the hard-liners.

Even those in the West who regard themselves as doves must now consider whether they really want that to happen, or whether it might be better to wait until the situation in the Kremlin, and the long-term direction of Soviet policy, become clearer.



Soviet freighter unloads cargo of trucks in Angola

Do We Really Need Angola?

By PAUL ST. PIERRE
The Sun

Would it be alright with everybody here if we let the Russians have Angola?

To put it another way, is there anybody here who thinks that we should have it or who knows why we deserve it? Before answering, remember that Angola is not something to wear or eat. Angola is a place, specifically a place the Portuguese wish they'd never heard of.

The Portuguese ruled Angola for 400 years, partly for the reason that they expected it to make them rich with its stores of oil, diamonds, gold, manganese, phosphate, sulphur and quaint native handicrafts, partly because politicians at home kept saying that it made for a Greater Portugal and partly out of a natural reluctance to ever change a habit.

No doubt from time to time somebody in Portugal stood up and shouted "If we got Angola, why ain't I rich?" Under the dictatorship people didn't shout that way twice, but with the revolution the Portuguese rethought their position and decided the last 400 years were a mistake and better forgotten.

They were in such a hurry to get out they wouldn't wait for the liberated Angolans to choose their own team for running the country. On Nov. 11 the Portuguese governor and his troops sailed for home and about the only advice they had to offer their former fellow citizens of the Greater Portugal were the words "good luck," or perhaps they were "good bye."

Immediately following liberation and independence the Angolans devoted

themselves with increased vigor to fighting for liberation and independence.

There are three political movements devoted to this crusade. They are the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola, The National Front for the Liberation of Angola and The Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola. They keep shooting at one another.

They are so busy trying to raise hell and put wheels under it that hardly anybody has time for spinning cotton, mining manganese or doing any of the things that failed to make the Portuguese rich.

Naturally, we who live elsewhere are supposed to want this precious nation at the mouth of the Congo river for our own.

The Soviets, we are told, are trying to do this by backing The Popular Movement for the Liberation etc. They had better address their CARE packages carefully because a slip of the pen would direct it instead to The National Front for the Liberation and the National Front, like the National Union for Independence is a client of the United States of America.

The Chinese are gung-ho with the Americans in this battle. Britain and France are said to be backing The National Union and Daniel Moynihan, the American ambassador to the United Nations who has been reading too much Hemingway recently, has declared "The

United Nations is facing its moment of truth." He didn't say which truth.

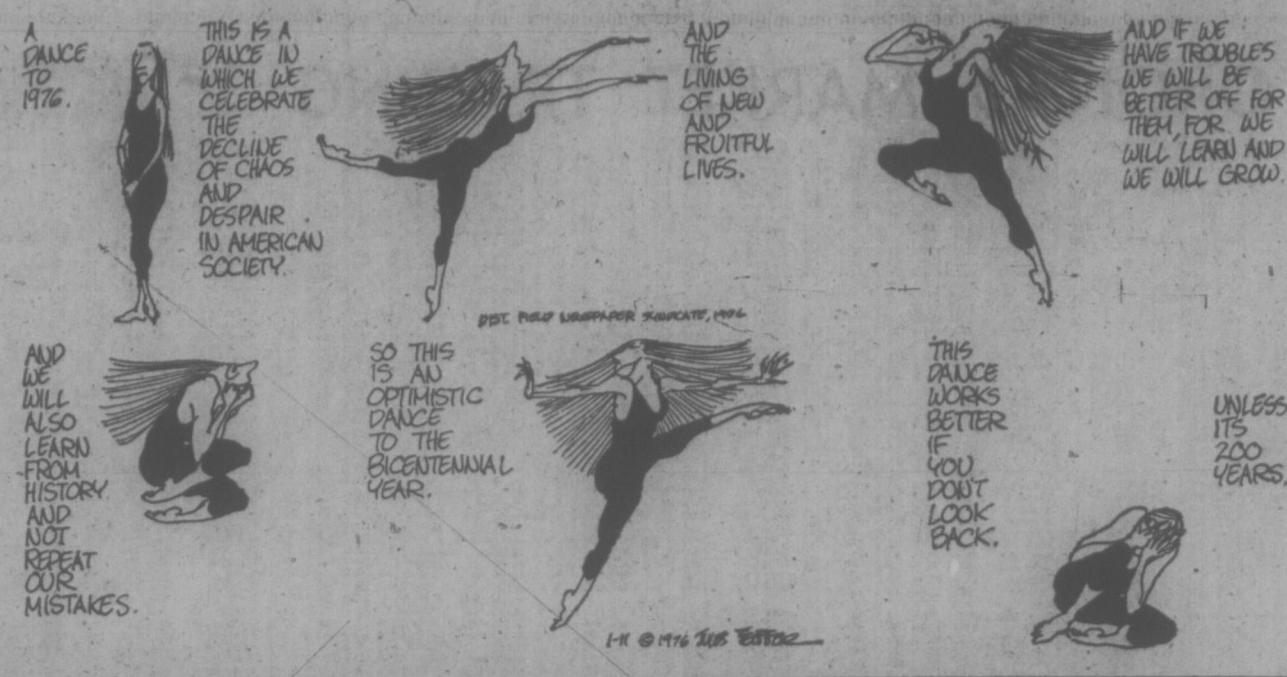
I don't think I've left out anything except that there are South African mercenaries present, the Americans have so far given the Central Intelligence Agency \$20 million so they can play some more war games and the U.S.-Cuba baseball game has been cancelled because there are 3,000 Cubans who have gone to Angola to fight for Cuban Liberation and independence.

So far, nobody has insisted that Canada attend this party but if it goes on much longer we can expect to be asked to show our solidarity in the common cause with somebody.

The National Council of Churches may discover that it has a preponderance of converts in one of the three sects, in which case we shall be urged to send over some air force planes in the name of Christian charity, or our NATO allies will have discovered that we all have a common interest in keeping the sea lanes open to the South African diamond fields.

If it's not too late, could I suggest that the Russians get Angola. They can conscript Russian volunteers for the fighting and charge the post-war rehabilitation expenses to the Russian taxpayers. They can have all the blame, for ever afterwards, for everything that goes wrong in Angola, including inclement weather and files.

Henry Kissinger is gravely concerned that Russia may get Angola. I am not. I think it would serve them right.



Ouellet's Outburst a Laughing Matter

By DOUGLAS FISHER

OTTAWA — This Ottawa watcher ended laughing from 1975... laughing at Andre Ouellet's predicament.

My first column of the new year is largely taken from the most fascinating political book I read in 1975 — Boyce Richardson's *Strangers to the Land*.

The day after the Malouf judgment, the corporation entered two appeals to the Quebec Court of Appeals. One was against the merits of the Malouf judgment, and one

to amend the Act into some usefulness for Crown prosecutors. The business community roared. The government dropped its Bill, leaving the old law in place for Justice MacKay to acquit under.

Ouellet's outburst and the subsequent contempt charge probably means the Trudeau government will not appeal the acquittal of the sugar companies to the Quebec Appeal Court. Just as well. What we need is a refurbished, effective Anti-monopoly Act.

Either that, or the Trudeau ministry needs the same fast, thorough co-operation from the Quebec Appeal Court which was available to the Bourassa government. Such co-operation stopped the non-sense of a few thousand bush Indians halting the Quebec project of the century.

There's much more than court stuff in Richardson's chronicle of how Quebec steam-rollered the Creeks, with Ottawa's assistance. I'll come back to it again. Meanwhile, let us all await Ouellet's day in court, his explanation, perhaps his apologies and, perhaps, his punishment.

"The hostility of the judges and the fact that at no time were the government lawyers asked to justify their appeal indicated that the judges had made up their minds before they entered the court to suspend the Malouf injunction.

On the morning of the second day, exactly a week after Malouf brought down his judgment, the Appeal Court swept it aside, without a nod in the direction of appearances.

They had spent five hours considering the case compared with the 75 days of hearings before Malouf...

Andre Ouellet's allegedly contemptible remarks were that he found a decision of Justice Kenneth MacKay (a colleague of Malouf's on the

Superior Court bench) to be "silly" and "disgraceful." "Perhaps we did not have a good judge," Ouellet told the Commons. MacKay had acquitted three sugar companies charged by the Federal Crown with criminal monopoly practice.

What laughs do I get from the "contempt" affair?

I heard no federal minister scream when the Quebec Court of Appeal blew down the Crees. Ouellet is a Quebecer and a lawyer. He must be aware of the notorious sensitivity of the Quebec Bar and its senior judges about any vindictive remarks on the competence and fairness of the province's courts. That Ouellet should dare!

Further, Ouellet must know that the basic law of Parliament on anti-monopoly practices has been a joke for a long generation. There have been no more than three convictions under it in the past 30 years. And only five years ago the Trudeau ministry (remember Ron Basford) set out

to amend the Act into some usefulness for Crown prosecutors. The business community roared. The government dropped its Bill, leaving the old law in place for Justice MacKay to acquit under.

Ouellet's outburst and the subsequent contempt charge probably means the Trudeau government will not appeal the acquittal of the sugar companies to the Quebec Appeal Court. Just as well. What we need is a refurbished, effective Anti-monopoly Act.

Either that, or the Trudeau ministry needs the same fast, thorough co-operation from the Quebec Appeal Court which was available to the Bourassa government. Such co-operation stopped the non-sense of a few thousand bush Indians halting the Quebec project of the century.

There's much more than court stuff in Richardson's chronicle of how Quebec steam-rollered the Creeks, with Ottawa's assistance. I'll come back to it again. Meanwhile, let us all await Ouellet's day in court, his explanation, perhaps his apologies and, perhaps, his punishment.

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Noranda Action

SANTIAGO, (Reuters) — Noranda Mines Ltd. of Canada has agreed to survey, develop and exploit Chile's Andacollo copper deposit.

Noranda will own 49 per cent of the shares in a mixed private and state-owned company to be set up in Chile and will help the Chilean government raise funds to meet its part in the project.

The Andacollo deposit, which has estimated reserves of 220.6 million metric tons of copper, is located in the province of Coquimbo.

Sask. Completes Oil Purchase

REGINA (CP) — The Saskatchewan government announced Monday that it has bought all the shares of Consumers Oil Ltd., of Calgary through Saskatchewan Power Corp. for \$10 million.

Industry Minister John Messer said in a news release that the purchase is part of a program the corporation has carried out in the last five years in Saskatchewan and Alberta to discover and acquire new gas reserves.

The announcement said the

Saskatchewan government's goal is to have secure natural gas supplies for 30 years, a goal that could not be reached with development of all known Saskatchewan reserves.

Estimates last fall were that Saskatchewan has about two trillion cubic feet of gas, two per cent of the Canadian total.

The purchase of Consumers Oil comes about six months after Mineral Resources Minister Ed Whelan said that Sas-

katchewan's supply of natural gas, much of which comes from Alberta, appears secure until well into the 1980s.

Saskatchewan uses about 100 billion cubic feet of gas a year, half coming from Alberta.

Mr. Messer said Consumers Oil owns petroleum and natural gas rights to about 100 sections of land (64,000 acres) in Alberta and Saskatchewan. The land has proven gas reserves of 56 billion cubic feet, which can be brought into

production by the end of 1976.

Mr. Messer also announced that Saskatchewan Power Corp. has joined Alberta and Quebec enterprises to find and develop new gas reserves in Western Canada.

Called Gas Initiatives Joint Venture, it was started last May. Other members of the group are Socipol, a Quebec Crown corporation, and Algash Mineral Enterprises Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Alberta Gas Trunk Line Co. Ltd.

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ALBERTA

Toronto Most Active

	Sales	High	Low	Close	Chg.
Abacus	200	\$13	\$12	\$12	-
Alta Engy	32445	\$974	\$96	\$96	-16
Baird	100	\$10	\$9	\$9	-1
Can Obs	6200	\$170	\$165	\$165	+15
Convenirs	200	\$275	\$250	\$275	-
Cox	21	\$14	\$13	\$13	-1
Duke Mng	200	\$55	\$57	\$55	-1
Film Plan	2000	\$17	\$17	\$17	-
Matrix	2000	\$8	\$8	\$8	+3
Nemco	2000	\$110	\$110	\$110	-
Hornbeam	—	—	—	—	—
Oilee	500	\$100	\$100	\$100	+1
Twin Rich	4000	\$750	\$750	\$750	+515
Total volume:	85,645				

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11800 Bovis Corp	1.07 + .12
31800 Canavoy-V	.21 + .15
44235 Alcan	.21 + .15
30000 Slater W	.75 unch
10000 Suncor	.45 + .05
10000 Minex and Oils	.65 + .05
47160 Glendale	.65 + .05
29000 Texore	.11 + .15
23000 New Senator	.17 + .15
16700 Pominex	.30 + .15
14000 Com Southfin	.29 + .05

Gross Averages					
Bankers	304.50	+3.43			
Braswaps	103.09	+.02			
Chemicals	372.12	+12.97			
Communications	130.00	+1.00			
Food processing	267.15	+5.73			
Gen manu	139.02	+2.78			
Industrials	340.07	+1.75			
Merchandising	189.24	+2.63			
Oil refining	156.24	+2.02			
Petroleum prod	156.16	+2.02			
Pipelines	184.24	+2.64			
Real estate	220.95	+3.20			
Steel	125.25	+0.25			
Trust and loan	125.25	+1.54			
Miscellaneous	Up 16, Down 1				

GOLD QUOTES

LONDON (AP) — Monday's closing gold price in London was \$138.375; Paris \$140.46; Zurich — Closed; Hong Kong \$139.44; Beirut

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'Kimmy' Wrecks WHA Penalty Record

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Kim Clarkson, a rookie from Saskatoon who in the Western Canada Hockey League last season with Victoria Cougars, has set a World Hockey Association record for penalties — with more than half the season remaining.

"He's a super young kid," Jim Browitt, Indianapolis Racers' president and general manager, said Monday. "We

like the way he plays hooky."

Kimmy, as he is known in Indianapolis, has been tagged 250 penalty minutes, a WHA season record, with only 37 games of the 80-game schedule complete. Houston Aeros' John Schella took the entire 1972-73 season to run up 239 minutes for the dubious honor that Clarkson now owns.

Clarkson's record includes 26 fighting majors, 30 minors,

six misconducts and fines of \$350.

Fifty-two minutes of those penalties were accumulated in a free-swinging game with Cincinnati Stingers on Dec. 28.

"He needs to be taught a lesson," said Cincinnati coach Terry Slater, looking forward to a Jan. 17 game in Indianapolis.

As a team, the Racers are

second in penalties with 786 minutes, behind Minnesota Fighting Saints' 819. The Stingers are fourth in penalties with 708 minutes. Cleveland Crusaders are third with 723.

In Denver on Dec. 30, before the Spurs' franchise was shifted to Ottawa, Clarkson drew eight penalties, a record for one game. His last was a game misconduct that followed four minors and three majors.

Fotiu and Clarkson picked

"I think he's a tough kid and gets blamed for a lot of things that aren't his fault," Browitt said.

But Nick Fotiu of New England Whalers, who left Sunday's contest with a game misconduct and a badly slashed hand as an indirect result of a brawl with the scrappy defencemen, might think otherwise.

Fotiu and Clarkson picked

up fighting penalties with less than two minutes left in the second period. As the horn sounded and the benches emptied, they resumed their altercation joined by teammates.

After Fotiu was dumped to the ice by Racer Ted Scharf, who also was tossed out, someone accidentally skated over the Whaler defenceman's hand and severed a number of tendons.

Another casualty of the Sunday fray was Racer coach Jacques Demers who was ejected with a game misconduct, and a possible broken hand, for mixing it up with Whaler trainer Joe Allouet.

"I guess I deserved a game misconduct," Demers said as he nursed a swollen hand and watched the Racers come from behind to win 3-2 without him.



KIM CLARKSON
half season to go

**bill
walker**

Pro Hockey Not Ready To Run Out of Excuses

Super Series '76 is at the halfway point and if some patterns are beginning to develop perhaps they should be analyzed insofar as the eventual result of the series may be concerned.

First of all it should be explained that this club versus club matchup is the type of series the National Hockey League asked for after the 1972 love affair between Team Canada and the Russian national team; and a series, too, which the Canadians did win, or have ye forgotten all ye of little faith? Sure, it was a momentous struggle, the ramifications living on.

But this time around every point on the list of disadvantages claimed by Team Canada in 1972 and outlined several times in post-series discussions has been reversed in favor of the NHL cause.

The series is being played in the desirable mid-season, the peak condition period for NHL players. The games are being played under NHL rules, not the international variety, so there should be no need to suddenly change styles or make adjustments because of differences of interpretation. And, of the nine officials selected to handle the series, only two are Russians.

Then, of course, NHL president Clarence Campbell offered his opinion: "This series is a truer test and measurement of the calibre of hockey played here and in the USSR. I guess we'll have a good reading of who plays the best hockey in the world."

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Well, right now, the series is 2-1 with the Russians on top with four games to play. And, judging by the games seen on television, it appears safe to assume that the series may just go down to that final game between the Red Army team and the Stanley Cup champion Philadelphia Flyers to decide world hockey supremacy again.

The Red Army club, champions of the Soviet, appear stronger than the Wings of the Soviet, the club which won 1972 was solidly thumped by the surprising Buffalo Sabres 12-6. But it is unlikely that the Red Army would ever suffer such humiliation. Not with Tretiak in goal at any rate.

Just as he was one of the stars of the Russian '72 team and also in the 1973 series against the World Hockey Association, he is supreme again. The New York Rangers didn't give him much of a test but when up against the Montreal Canadiens he certainly gave them fits with his spectacular goalkeeping. And he alone was the difference between Montreal getting a win or settling for the eventual 3-3 tie.

That game, and the one Sunday at Buffalo, also proved that the Soviet skating could be nullified to a certain extent by jamming up the middle. The Canadiens used that strategy effectively and also by lining up three and four players on the blue line. This prevented the Soviets from carrying the puck into the opposition zone as they prefer to do. Buffalo employed the same strategy Sunday and also used heavier checking methods to slow down the Russians. Both moves paid off in the wild and wooly encounter that took place; and really it wasn't the greatest of all hockey games was it—not with 18 goals being scored.

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Another noticeable flaw in the Russian system is that they don't take out the man in front of the goal in the manner of the North American professionals. And this cost them dearly against Buffalo and undoubtedly would have been a problem against Montreal too, if it hadn't been for a brilliant Tretiak.

So the series isn't over yet, but offhand it would seem that the other NHL clubs to meet the Russians, Boston and Philly against the Red Army, and Chicago and New York Islanders against Wings of the Soviet, must have taken heart after witnessing the games against Montreal and Buffalo.

They now know that the Russian speed and skating, though perhaps superior overall, can be negated in other ways; and they are also aware of the fact that the Russians can be scored upon, perhaps more readily than earlier anticipated and because they may be suspect defensively, particularly in front of their own net.

No, pro hockey doesn't yet have to worry about the possibility of running out of excuses. That was just a super game by the Canadiens; then Buffalo followed by proving that our hockey can't be all bad even below that peak level.

But then don't wager too much either that the Russians haven't learned something in return; and may adjust.

Leaders Don't Have Sniper in Top Ten

Although Vernon Vikings hold a four-point edge over Nanaimo Clippers in the B.C. Junior Hockey League, no players from the front-running club are listed among the top 10 scorers in statistics released Monday.

Mike Wills of Kelowna currently leads the individual scoring parade with 75 points, including a league-high 57 assists, while Darrell Zelnick of Merritt is runner-up with 71 points.

Gary Lupul of Clippers is tied for third place with Mark Taylor of Langley, each with

67 points, while Perry Schnarr of Kelowna is fourth with 65 and players from the front-running club are listed among the top 10 scorers in statistics released Monday.

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Civil Service Honors Draw Ire

By DAVID MACDONALD

Times London Bureau

LONDON — The top echelon of the British civil service is attracting the same kind of unfavorable attention from taxpayers that Ottawa mandarins have been receiving.

The issue is similar and the most recent eruption has been caused by the annual New Year honors list.

Taxpayers who resent being required to bite the economic bullet by a privileged elite that is highly paid, enjoys the ultimate job security and can look forward to a cosy old age with inflation-proofed, non-contributory pensions, are enraged at the generous handout of glittering honors to the senior civil servants who helped to bring them 25-per-cent inflation.

As Conservative MP Nigel Lawson put it: "Civil servants have become a privileged caste."

Among the 744 honors, there is a life peerage for Sir Thomas Brimelow, former head of the diplomatic service, and a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath for Sir Arthur Carey, permanent under-secretary at the defence department, who already had a knighthood.

Five senior civil servants who already were companions of the Bath now become knights Commander of the Bath.

Nineteen new Companions of the Bath have been created in the list. Eighteen of them are senior civil servants.

Selections for honors are made by committees expert in music, theatre, sport and other fields and then funnelled up to main committee whose secretary is a civil servant.

The handout of honors in the diplomatic service includes a notch up in prestige for two knights who became Knights Grand Cross of St. Michael and St. George.

Three ambassadors and one ambassador designate who are companions of that order now get knighthoods.

Thirteen new companions of the same order are created. Twelve are diplomats.

Normally, all public attention is on such awards as that of Companion of Honor, second-highest possible, to John Diefenbaker. (See also Page 18.)

But this year there is intense interest in the virtually automatic shower of favors the tight little group of men who earn up to seven times the average industrial wage, who advise their ministers that higher unemployment is an unpleasant necessity and whose departmental empire-building runs public sector spending out of control and taxes ever higher.

A general antagonism to civil servants has been noticeable for months, much of it based on steeply-rising real estate taxes

caused by proliferating bureaucracies in a reorganized local government structure.

This structure, touted as efficiency through bigness, was dreamed up by the diffident, soberly-dressed men now lining up to get their colored sashes, gleaming decorations and taps on the shoulder from the Queen's sword.

Labor MP Gwyn Roberts says he cannot understand why civil servants and diplomats should "receive honors from the prime minister for doing the jobs they are well paid to do."

He wants the honors stopped and underlines one problem of the current system when he reports that "I am getting representations from managing directors and industrialists complaining about top managers going to the civil service in non-productive jobs."

A middle-ranking civil servant in the diplomatic service says the tradition of honors for the ruling group of the civil service began when salaries were poor and official limousines and other perks were not available.

In the wake of a report alleging that the diplomatic service is one-third over-staffed, inflation-harried taxpayers are putting on the pressure for some change in a system that heaps awards on those already well insulated from the effects of their sometimes disastrous policies.

Crude Oil Export Charge Stays

FLORA STANDS ON HER RECORD

OTTAWA (CP) — Flora MacDonald, MP for Kingston and the Islands, is pushing her Scottish connection in a record promoting her candidacy for the Progressive Conservative party leadership.

The 12-inch long-playing record of speeches and radio programs costs \$3.

Despite the bagpipes rendition of Skye Boat Song with which the album begins it isn't mood material in the accepted sense.

The album has nine cuts. Side 1 begins with a few seconds of the bagpipes, followed by Miss MacDonald outlining her reasons for seeking to succeed Robert Stanfield at the leadership convention here next month.

The other three cuts on the first side are from the Toronto radio show of former New Democratic Ontario MPP Morton Shulman and from recent speeches by Miss MacDonald, an MP since 1972, in St. John's, Nfld., and Saskatoon, Sask.

The five cuts on the other side consist of excerpts from several open-line radio shows and a speech to the Empire Club in Toronto. In her opening remarks, the 48-year-old native of North Sydney, N.S., says one of her aims as party leader would be to make the party more representative of Canada.

"Only by doing this will we succeed in winning back the government and believe me I'm in a position to know how much the country needs a Conservative government," she says.

"Never has a country been offered so little by so many as Canada has been by the Trudeau government and its swollen legions of highly-paid bureaucrats."

A Record Kidnapping More Ways Than One

PARIS (AP) — Six young gunmen who may have been mistaken for rock musicians kidnapped the 54-year-old head of France's largest record manufacturing company in the middle of a board meeting, carried him out in a wicker basket past an unsuspecting guard and are demanding \$3.4 million ransom for his safe return, police said.

The kidnappers, aged between 25 and 30 and wearing blue jeans and sweaters much like rock stars who frequent the firm's headquarters, grabbed Louis Hazan in a midmorning Dec. 31 raid on the head office of the Phonogram Co. in the heart of Paris, authorities said.

The kidnappers appeared no different from the bulky electronic amplifying gear often carried by rock singers, witnesses said.

Government officials refused to disclose the identities of the two who surrendered after a siege of nearly 12 hours at the Manila airport. But a Japanese diplomat who took part in the negotiations said they were brothers, 18 and 24 years old, and that the older one had an airport identification card.

The gunmen have been in touch with Mrs. Hazan by telephone several times and the ransom money is ready for delivery, police said.

Police had ordered an embargo by news media on the kidnapping but allowed it to be lifted Monday.

Witnesses said the gunmen burst into the Phonogram board meeting and asked, "Who is the chief executive?" When Hazan stood up they bound him and placed him inside the wicker basket.

They then locked four other board members in the boardroom and took a fifth, the financial director of the company, along with them.

The basket was placed in

HIJACK QUIZ

they wanted to study in Japan.

Filipino military sources said the hijackers demanded anonymity as part of their price for giving up. Officials of Japan Air Lines said they also demanded "special forgiveness and pardon" and "better living conditions."

The JAL DC-8 took off today for Osaka and Tokyo more than 22 hours behind schedule. A spokesman said 213 passengers and crew members left with the plane, but six passengers who were aboard Monday did not make the trip. He did not explain why.

b.c. briefs

Two Men Jailed for Life For Shooting at RCMP

NEW WESTMINSTER (CP)

— Two men were sentenced to life Monday for the attempted murder of five RCMP officers who chased them after a bungled bank robbery in Coquitlam last March 31. Real Cardinal, 32, and Leonard Methot, 24, both formerly of Montreal, were also sentenced to 20 years each for attempted robbery with violence, five years each for forcible seizure of a bank employee and five years on each of three charges of possession of restricted weapons for use in a crime. The terms will be served concurrently. Two RCMP constables were wounded by shots during the car chase, court was told.

A third man, Mario Proulx, 30, also of Montreal, was acquitted. Charges relating to the same incident are pending against a fourth man brought here from Montreal in December.

For having a blood alcohol content of more than .08 Dec. 30 John Fletcher, 56, of 1708 Newton, was fined \$35.

Judge Orders Marathon Talks By Teachers

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A judge has ordered Pittsburgh's school board and striking teachers to negotiate for 18 hours — including a 14-hour session today — before he will decide whether the teachers are in contempt of court.

In Madison, Wis., meanwhile, the school board met late Monday night after the first day of a teachers' strike. Before the meeting, school superintendent Douglas Ritchie said the board would discuss the possibility of seeking a court injunction to order teachers back to work. Board members would not comment after the private meeting.

VANCOUVER (CP) — Amtrak officials announced Monday temporary cancellation of all passenger service between Vancouver and Seattle as a result of recent damage to the New Westminster railway bridge. The United States railway corporation and earlier indicated it might continue to operate the passenger service from Seattle to Blaine, transferring Vancouver passengers to buses. Problems with servicing the train at Blaine,

however, made that impractical. The railway will operate a substitute bus service from Vancouver to Seattle, stopping at all Amtrak stations on the route.

VANCOUVER (CP) — A provincial arbitration board ruled Monday that teachers in the Vancouver area should receive in 1976 a pay increase of 11.75 per cent. Linda Wilson, president of the Vancouver Secondary Teachers' Association, said the award was completely unjustifiable in economic terms, but the city's 3,000 teachers would probably go along with it.

VANCOUVER (CP) — Three men started a sit-in Monday at the Workers' Com-

College Change Hit

VANCOUVER (CP) — The president of Vancouver Community College council said Monday she has written Education Minister Pat McGeer to protest his announced shake-up of British Columbia college councils.

Virginia Belmes said the VCC board would lose half of its current membership and she has asked McGeer to ensure some continuity will be maintained on the new board.

McGeer said last week he plans a number of changes when he announces this year's appointments to college council boards.

Mrs. Belmes said five of last year's board members, all appointees from the Vancouver School Board, have indicated they will be unable to serve double duty this year.

She said the terms of the other five, all provincial appointees, expire Jan. 31.

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OPEC Holding Price Line Until June

CARACAS (UPI) — There will be no further increases in the price of crude oil produced by the members of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries until June, Venezuelan mines minister Valentín Hernández said today.

Hernández said that statements made by Iranian ambassador to the United States Ardeshir Zahedi that the

OPEC countries would have to increase oil prices if world inflation continued unabated were correct.

He added, however, that OPEC agreed in September last year to freeze prices until the end of June, 1976.

OPEC will review the world situation next June before taking a decision on price levels thereafter, Hernández said.

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Sidney Water Woes: Can Curtis Help?

Sidney Mayor Peter Malcolm said today he is hoping for leadership from Municipal Affairs Minister Hugh Curtis in tackling the perennial water supply problem on the Saanich Peninsula.

Direction is going to have to come from the provincial government and Curtis, former Saanich mayor and regional board chairman, should certainly be familiar with the territory, Malcolm said.

The Sidney mayor said lack of assured water has held growth in his community back, particularly in the past three years, and he doesn't anticipate a co-operative approach among the four water

boards now operating on the peninsula.

He thinks the ultimate solution is for the peninsula to be supplied from the Greater Victoria Water District's Sooke Lake system.

The peninsula water boards could be amalgamated or eliminated with the region running the system, but such a step would have to be authorized by the provincial government.

But Malcolm fears yet more studies of the situation may follow rather than firm action from the province. He personally believes that a study to be released soon will show that ground water supplies on the peninsula have the poten-

tial to provide only interim relief.

With the new government keen on tackling the housing problem, Sidney is the only area municipality able to cooperate if water supplies can be met, Malcolm said.

At the heart of the problem is the cost of piping water north on the peninsula and Malcolm said figures from \$8 million to \$18 million have been mentioned.

A community of 6,500 can't handle that task on its own, he said.

The other major challenge facing Sidney in concert with North and Central Saanich is providing recreation facilities.

Sidney has a "minor" juve-

nile problem but it also doesn't even have a movie theatre and barely has a pool hall, he said.

"It's pretty hard to have juveniles clean up their act when we don't have any alternatives for them."

A referendum on a recreation complex will likely go to peninsula voters next month.

Meanwhile, the tax picture on the peninsula this year looks brighter than it does in the core municipalities.

Malcolm said he will be surprised if the tax bill rises more than one mill since all aldermen ran on a platform of fiscal responsibility.

In Central Saanich, Mayor Jean Butler said it's impossible to predict the increase at this point but her council will be holding present levels of departmental spending except where there have been salary increases.

Her term as mayor expires at the end of the year and she said today it's not her intention to seek re-election as matters now stand. But if certain jobs she wants to see through aren't done, she may reconsider.

North Saanich Mayor Paul Grieve put it another way:

"I, and a couple of others on this council, will be carried out of here kicking and screaming before we sanction a big increase."

CHOKING DEATH?

The coroner's office will hold an inquiry into the death New Year's Day of Warren Thomas Wells, 28, who died before reaching hospital from a party at Luxton Hall.

Coroner Edmond J. de St. Jerome said a postmortem indicated death was due to choking on food consumed before the party put on by Bounty Hunters motorcycle club New Year's Eve.

Colwood RCMP said Wells had drunk a large quantity of liquor but could not confirm a report that the deceased had taken part in a drinking contest.

Wells collapsed during the party and was taken to a back room, where an ambulance picked him up about 3 a.m., taking him to Victoria General Hospital. Police were asked make inquiries by the coroner.

Wells was married and lived at 515 Gorge Road East.

Firefighters, Saanich Share Cost of Study

New Saanich alderman David Paterson believes the municipality's firefighters union should pay for a study to determine whether firemen should receive the same pay as their Vancouver counterparts.

At his first meeting on Monday, Paterson said if the study proved it cost as much for Saanich firefighters to live as it does Vancouver firemen, the union should pay for the study.

"I believe Victoria is a different economic area to Vancouver," Paterson said. "The cost is on the fire department to prove it isn't."

The rest of council disagreed with Paterson and endorsed municipal administrator Bill Tremayne's recommendation that the study be financed jointly by the municipality and union.

Tremayne said the study will cost about \$4,000 and be carried out by either personnel from the University of Victoria or the University of British Columbia.

Mayor Ed Lum said council has always taken the stand that living costs were lower in Saanich than in Vancouver when negotiating contracts.

"I think a study will prove that," Lum said.

"The municipality, with the help of competent professionals, can prove our point," Tremayne agreed.

Lum said a similar study, carried out several years ago by the Saanich police department, had obviously proven the point because a copy of the study had never been received by the council.

Ald. Roy Wootten said the costs should be jointly shared because the firemen are the only municipal department not to have such a study made.

The council endorsed Tremayne's recommendations that an immediate increase of \$11 a month be given to first-class firemen (pro-rated to other ranks) and a further increase of \$11 per month be

given July 1 and Dec. 31 if the contract has not been settled by either of these dates.

Ald. John McDonald noted the results of the study should be available by the end of June.

If the economic study indicates that parity with Vancouver is not desirable and, indeed, that the cost of living in the Victoria area is less than the difference already existing between the firemen's contract, there will be a corresponding rollback," Tremayne reported.

The council also agreed that any wage settlements, along with fringe benefits, will be subject to the federal government's anti-inflation guidelines.

Drugs Spurned

REGINA (CP) — A Liberal member of the Saskatchewan legislature advised the NDP government Monday to reconsider any thought of buying an Ontario drug manufacturer, saying many of the company's products have been rated "unacceptable."

Ted Malone (L—Regina Lakewood) said a federal health department publication that lists drugs recently included 63 drugs sold by Novopharm Ltd. and rated 46 of them unacceptable.

In legislature replies, Premier Allan Blakeney said the government is not considering purchase of the company and Health Minister Wes Robbins said a committee that checks drugs used in the province's drug-care program would ensure that no unsafe drugs are included in the program.

Premier Blakeney told the legislature last month that the government had had certain discussions with Novopharm that could lead to the Ontario company establishing a plant in Saskatchewan.

NEW SEWAGE DISPOSAL REGULATIONS

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UNITED RINGERS BEAT RAP

First United Church's bells caused a brief clangor in provincial court Monday.

W. G. Smith, 937 Balmoral, who said the twice-daily bell-ringing bothers area residents, took action against Rev. Hugh Hunter.

Hunter was tried under the noise abatement bylaw, but provincial court Judge William Oster said all evidence indicated that Hunter was not responsible for the pealing bells.

Instead, the judge said, there was evidence to suggest the minister was sympathetic to the neighbors' problem. The case was dismissed.

Hunter said today there has been no widespread criticism of the bells among neighbors, only one objector in the three years he's been at the church.

The carillon, which rings for a minute and a half at noon

and 5 p.m. daily, has a decibel level of 59, compared to the 58 decibel rate of conversation.

About his brief appearance in court, Hunter had only the somewhat philosophical comment: "In this kind of job you get all kinds of experiences."

Provincial court was treated to another squabble over noise levels, this time in Judge Harold Alder's courtroom.

James Palmer, 1122 Greenwood, was charged with unlawfully keeping poultry within 30 feet of a dwelling house, causing excessive noise for neighbors two doors away.

Palmer, however, testified that the chickens were pets of his children. They were kept, he said, in a canary aviary. The charge was dismissed.

Palmer said the Esquimalt noise bylaw defines poultry as "a thing or things which are kept for eating." Since the chickens were kept as pets, the charge was not proven, he said.

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Petro-Canada's Head Holds Glowing Plans

OTTAWA (CP) — Maurice Strong, the man appointed to head Petro-Canada, sees the possibility of turning the firm into a fully-integrated, multinational concern.

Although its top priority is exploration and development of domestic oil reserves, the government-owned company might consider moving into refining and marketing as well as exploration in other countries, he says.

Strong said in an interview recently that the government was wise to include marketing in legislation passed last year to set up the company.

It's not an immediate priority "but ultimately it's difficult to escape the advantages of integration that others have found."

A fully-integrated company, such as Imperial Oil Ltd., uses its own facilities for exploration, production and refining through to marketing fuel to the public.

Strong, until December the United Nations under-secretary general for environment, also says exploration internationally "is something we should look at."

Since the country is a major importer of oil and is expected to increase this reliance in the next few years, "perhaps it might be logical to own some of it," Strong says.

Prior to Petro-Canada, the country had little opportunity for international exploration, he says. Most large Canadian companies are subsidiaries of the multinationals which didn't want them competing with parent companies for world reserves.

Strong, chairman and president of the company, says that despite cuts in its proposed budget last summer and the government's policy of spending restraint, he still expects Petro-Canada to get \$1.5 billion over five years as originally promised.

That funding, he said, would be in addition to government investment of \$300 million in the Syncrude Canada Ltd. oil sands project, which will be transferred to the new company.

Oil is a big money business. Government understands that and is committed to making Petro-Canada a major presence in the industry."

The company's key role is exploring for new supplies of oil and gas, with the best prospects for discoveries in the North.

Strong says he feels government should give the company a preference in obtaining leases on federally-owned lands, a move already opposed by a busy oil lobby.

The private firms say Petro-Canada should be treated as any other oil company in getting leases on federal lands, with no special rights. New land regulations are expected to be released early this year.

"I think the people of Canada would have occasion to wonder why government wouldn't give preferential access to land if this is not covered in the regulations," Strong says.

So far Strong, a 46-year-old with extensive experience in both business and government, is the only board member appointed by Ottawa. He expects the others will be named within a few days and plans their first meeting for later this month.

He says the company will consider buying an existing exploration firm which would give it experienced personnel, exploration money and rights to any land the company holds. But it was a matter of principle and would only be done if it were the most efficient way of starting up.

Strong's first involvement in the oil industry came at the age of 19 when he was sent to Calgary as an oil analyst for a major brokerage firm.

He left there for the executive offices of Dome Petroleum Ltd., resigning at age 23 to travel around the world with his wife.

He came back two years later, convinced he should

help the underdeveloped countries he visited. But external affairs and the churches turned down his applications.

He went on to business, first with Dome, then his own management consulting firm before becoming president of Power Corp. of Canada, one of the country's largest firms, at 35.

"When I went back into business, I promised myself I'd retire at 40 to go into public service."

He made it three years earlier than that, quitting Power Corp. in 1966 to head the Canadian overseas aid to other countries.

Strong left after four years to head the UN environment program at the request of the then secretary-general U Thant.

His new job, he says, rolls all his interests into one international affairs, business, environment and public service.



STRONG

PHOTO ART GALLERY ON SHOW

Secession Gallery, a new photography art gallery, made its first public showing Monday at Open Space with an exhibit entitled "Strange Ambience".

The series of black and white prints by Victoria photographer Tom Gore runs for three weeks, opening at 8 p.m.

Started by a group of local photographers concerned about development of west coast photographic art, gallery organizers also plan a series of lecture and workshops on Japanese photography, the National Film Board and early B.C. photographers.

Musicians Get Awards

Three Vancouver teen-aged musicians, well-known in Victoria where they have studied at the Conservatory of Music, recently gained second place in a high prestige international music competition.

They are violinist Gwen Hoeblig, 16, her brother Desmond, a 14-year-old cellist, and pianist Jackie Parker, 16.

The three are no strangers to international as well as national competition.

In 1973 at the age of 14, Gwen took sixth place in the Concertino Praga violin category and Jackie won honorable mention for piano. Gwen was also winner of the 1974-75 CBC Talent Festival prize for strings.

Desmond has won many honors, including in 1973, the string category of the National Championship of the Canadian Music Festival Association, and in 1974 the national finals of the Canadian Music Competition.

Parker is a nephew of Edward Parker of the Victoria Conservatory's piano faculty and has studied with principal Robin Wood.

Gwen has studied with Harry Cawood and Sydney Humphreys here and with Steven Starkey during the latter's residence in Vancouver, and both she and her brother who is a pupil of James Hunter, are still commuting for lessons at the conservatory.

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Blame It on His French Neighbors ... You Pronounce It Mul-ROO-ney

By AL FOREST

Times Staff
Montreal "lawyer" Brian Mulroney, who says he is one of the five major candidates for the national Conservative leadership, was having identity problems during his visit to Victoria Monday.

The other leadership candidates are also having problems in the west with people coming up and asking "who are you?" but Mulroney has additional difficulties because of his name.

"It's pronounced Mulroney" (as in Mickey Rooney) but it is spelled Mulroney," he said.

"I'm told many years ago our neighbors, who spoke French, pronounced it Mulroney and it stayed that way. It is difficult to say Mulroney in French."

He had other identity problems at the Gyo luncheon he addressed at The Empress Monday.

"I'm pleased to meet you, John," one Victorian said.
"Brian."

"Brian." Said another: "You must be Mr. Maloney."

Mulroney commented: "Mulroney, he's Ukrainian, you know."

(He's Irish?)

Mulroney shrugs off the identity problem, saying that at least he is well-known within the party and figures he is among the front-runners for the leadership.

The others, he says, are Flora MacDonald, John Fraser, Sinclair Stevens and Paul Hellyer.

Claude Wagner is back in sixth place, he said.

Mulroney added that the entry of Hellyer on Monday will alter the picture somewhat and could hurt the chances of Stevens who, along with Hellyer, is known as a right-wing candidate. Mulroney places himself in the middle of the party but says labels can be misleading.

Like other major Conservative candidates, Mulroney

took a hard line on family allowances and other social welfare programs, saying the doctrine of universality must be re-examined.

Even old-age pensions might be re-examined and if a person has an income that is very high they might be eliminated from the list of those getting the pension, he said.

Before the introduction of the computer into government services it was difficult to study the income of Canadians without a complicated and costly series of personal interviews. Now, the computer can do the work quickly and the time may be near when people who are well off no longer need be paid government benefits.

"This would not be done overnight but a study of the principle of universality should have a high priority."

Although living in Quebec, he takes a hard line against the two-nation concept and rules out any special status for Quebec.

The two-nation concept is no longer an issue, even in Quebec," he said. "Those who support a two-nation concept have all joined the separatists."

At 36 he is among the youngest candidates. He got public attention in Quebec as a vocal member of the provincial Cliche commission inquiry into the province's construction industry.

He has gained considerable media attention since joining the leadership race on the grounds he is one of the more interesting candidates.

He concedes he is at a disadvantage because he does not have a seat in Parliament but adds the party has already agreed a safe seat will be opened for the leader in a by-election as soon as possible.

"I have already been offered my choice of three seats if I win the leadership," he said.

The voting will be in Ottawa Feb. 22 with 2,600 delegates expected.



Mulroney . . . 'difficult to say in French'

Attack On Dogs Pressed

Dogs running loose in Saanich may soon run the risk of being killed by policemen or others if they are vicious or found to be running in a pack.

Saanich council voted Monday to ask Agriculture Minister Don Phillips to have certain sections of the Domestic Animal Protection Act apply in Saanich.

The sections allow a policeman or other authorized persons to kill a dog running in a pack or deemed to be vicious. If a person finds a dog attacking or "viciously pursuing a person or a domestic animal" he may kill the dog.

The act also requires that the nearest domestic animal protection officer within two days after a dog is killed be given a written report of the incident.

Ald. Sandy Noel said the action was necessary because of the many farm animals and poultry within the 40 square-mile municipality.

"There have been several instances in the past of a small child being bitten by a dog," Mayor Ed Lum said.

Ald. Fred Severson wondered about the interpretation of "a vicious dog" but Ald. Maurice Johnson pointed out that interpretation was part of the enforcement of any law.

Identity Problems For Tory Leadership Candidate

PAY HIKE OFFICIAL

Saanich council made official on Monday its 12.4 per cent pay hike for aldermen and 10 per cent hike for the mayor, both retroactive to Jan. 1.

Ald. Mary Casillo and Ald. Maurice Johnson voted against the hike because it is retroactive.

Ald. David Paterson also voted against the increase but didn't say why.

D. D. Fraser of 186 Burnside Road West was one of three residents to write, protesting the increases.

Describing them as "completely irresponsible and indecent," Fraser likened the council to "robber barons".

He ended, "I cannot wish the council a Happy New Year but I see it as a concerned one, fraught with shambles and miseries."

"I make no apology for the increase," Mayor Ed Lum said, "I spend 60 to 65 hours a week on municipal business."

Lum said he had had municipal staffers make a careful check of telephone calls and those in favor of the increase far outweighed those against.

"We've taken a lot of flack on this matter," Ald. Sandy Noel said. "Those who take the opposite view are much more than the others. It hasn't kept me awake at night at all."

Ald. Fred Severson said the protesters should be written and told of the decision made at the last council meeting. This was to enlist the Union of B.C. Municipalities' support to urge the provincial government to set up an organization to decide what salaries should be paid to mayors and aldermen throughout the province.

Saanich Survival Doubtful Unless Plan Amended: Lum

By PAT DUFOUR

Times Staff

Saanich won't survive as an independent municipality unless the regional plan is amended, Mayor Ed Lum said today.

"There must be amendments to the regional plan if we are to survive as an autonomous authority," Lum cautioned.

In his inaugural speech at Monday's meeting, the mayor said, "The role of residential dormitory area to which Saanich is relegated under the terms of the regional plan has, in the absence of any revenue-sharing between districts or any other suggested source of income, caused Saanich to question the economic viability of its appointed ed."

"Saanich council and staff sincerely support regional planning and wants to be a good member of the regional family, but it does not wish to be a poor, relative responsible for taking the bulk of residential growth and its attendant high servicing and administrative costs, while being denied a fair share of the commercial-industrial, tax base returns of the region, without some other compensating revenue."

Saanich is already drawing guidelines for growth in certain areas, Lum said today, but final plans for Royal Oak, Northridge, Cadboro Bay, Gordon Head and other districts will depend on the findings of the \$29,000 Ward and Associates study, due to be finished in late March.

In his speech he called on the Social Credit government for financial relief.

"With a new government in B.C., we are looking with great anticipation that the government will recognize the hardships of municipal governments and pay to them their full and rightful taxes on provincial lands and buildings," he said.

Lum said the municipality now in its 70th year, will have major decisions to make because of the official community plan . . . the extent of sewerage, extent of water lines, changes in zoning and, most importantly, consideration of the financial impact on taxes

applications by the CBC for a TV outlet in Victoria and a French language TV outlet in Vancouver may both be successful and some U.S. channels might have to be dropped unless additional channels were offered.

The additional costs of providing extra channels is the major reason for the application for a rate increase, he said.

Cablevision can supply a total of 32 TV channels but a converter would have to be purchased or leased by the customer to obtain them.

The converter sells for about \$100.

Victoria Cablevision started

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SECOND SECTION

20% Esquimalt Boost?

Eskimale property owners can expect a 20 per cent increase in tax bills unless more revenue is pumped into municipalities by the province, Mayor Art Young said Monday.

"Unless Premier Bennett's government fulfills its election promise of a larger share of the provincial revenue to the municipalities," there'll be skyrocketing property taxes, he told the inaugural meeting of Esquimalt council.

He said top priority of council will be the construction of a new public safety building, but financing has yet to be determined.

An improved drainage system, he said, "must be started and money allocated this year to commence an improvement program over several years."

During the inaugural meeting Young announced appointments to council's standing committees:

Acting Mayor — Ald. Ken Hill.

Group A committee — Ald. James McEvay, Ald. Larry Mann, Ald. Conrad Lundgren.

Planning, zoning and housing, McEvay;

Finance, Mann; fire and provincial emergency program, Lundgren.

Group "B" committee — Ald. Ken Hill, Ald. Art Mebs, Ald. Kenneth Wright.

Public works, Hill; traffic, Mebs; taxation, legislative, property and personnel, Wright.

Special public safety building committee, Hill (chairman), Lundgren, Mebs.

Parks and recreation commission — Hill, Ron Berod, (two-year term), Robert Mason.

Greater Victoria intermunicipal committee — McEvay, Mann.

Greater Victoria Public Library Board — Mebs.

Cablevision Hike Sought

Victoria Cablevision has applied to increase its rates and expand the number of channels available to Greater Victoria viewers.

The application to increase installation charges to \$25 and monthly rates to \$6 will go to a hearing of the Canadian Radio-TV Commission at the Empress Feb. 5 and 6. Present rates are \$15 installation and \$4.50 per month.

It would be the first increase since 1963.

Cablevision general manager Len Charish said additional channels will have to be made available because

in December, 1959, and charged \$30 for installation and \$3.95 per month. This was changed to \$15 and \$4.50 in 1963 and the rates have been unchanged since then.

Other Island cable firms will also be applying for increases at the same hearings.

Urban Cablevision will ask for permission to charge \$25 installation and \$6 per month. At the present time it charges \$15 installation and \$5 per month in Langford and \$25 in Sooke.

Saanich Cablevision of Sidney, North Saanich and Central Saanich is asking to

charge a minimum of \$15 installation and \$6 per month, up from a flat rate of \$15 installation and \$5 per month.

Salt Spring Cablevision of Ganges is asking for \$25 installation and \$8 per month, up from \$19 and \$6.

North West Community Video of Nanaimo is asking for \$25 and \$6, up from \$15 and \$3.

Campbell River TV is asking for permission to raise its monthly rate to \$3.50 from \$4.75. Telenet of Gold River and Taxis is asking for \$10 installing and \$13.50 per month, a change from \$30 installing \$7 per month.

Bank Street Parents Reject Cost Cuts

By KIT COLLINS

The Greater Victoria school board took its cost-cutting proposals to Bank Street elementary parents Monday and met solid resistance to a plan which would see part of the school converted to storage space.

Some 130 parents reacted strongly to the plan to reduce the school to kindergarten through Grade 3 and move higher grades to neighboring schools, saving \$300,000 in renovations.

One of the more frustrated parents, Gary Geddes said after the two-hour meeting that parents might boycott the proposal planned for this year.

"Whether you're aware of it

or not Bank Street is the best of all, an old-fashioned small school," he said. "We keep it that way," said one parent during the meeting.

But the parents met an immovable force in board chairman Bill Ross.

"Our problem is to try and find the money to maintain the level of service. Politicians have been too generous with the yeses and too slow to say no. We may well be into an area where politicians are not appreciated for these decisions."

Ross explained he thinks it "abhorrent" to spend the \$5 million on previously planned capital expenditures in this district when there's a declining population.

"Why don't you close the top two floors of (neighborhood) Margaret Jenkins school and leave our school the way it is?" asked one man.

Geddes, who headed a committee which submitted a brief to the board, accused trustees of "already having made up their minds" on the future of the school. He said the parents' meeting was simply an exercise. A casual survey of the area conducted by parents, he said, found 23 new kindergarten students that could go to the school and boost the board's population estimates.

But parents suggested the board was responsible for the flagging population because it was always "fiddling" with the boundaries.

The parents' brief said the school's history "reveals a shocking record of interference and indecision on the part of the board."

It says boundaries were wide in 1958, shortened in 1961. In 1966 when Bank Street's new building was constructed children were moved back to the new facility after earlier being shifted to other schools.

In 1970, says the brief, overcrowding resulted in reduced boundaries; in 1975 the school is informed it will be closed, and:

"So much for the principle of long-range planning espoused."

"We ask that Bank Street School, finally be given a chance to survive and grow and make its contribution to the community . . ." it concludes.

The board will make a decision this month.

Lean 'Hams' from Home Smoker

THE MOTHER EARTH NEWS

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mop handles from which he hangs the meat. A six-inch hole in the side allows the entrance of a stovepipe which, in turn, runs six feet away to a fireplace made from an old wash tub. A damper in the pipe further controls the smoke and heat.

Operation of the smoker is quite simple. When a good blaze is going, the firebox is covered, and the damper is opened to allow smoke to flow into the water tank. Every eight hours or so, a new chunk of firewood is added to the blaze and the tub is covered again. The firebox and pipe become hot during the process, but the smokehouse remains just slightly warm so the ham cures without baking.

Joens and his family are enjoying their smoked "hams" very much. All lucky deer hunters might do well to give his idea a try.

Heat that goes up a stovepipe is simply wasted energy. What can you do with it?

You'd be surprised! For more information, address a long, stamped envelope to yourself, and enclose it with 25 cents in an envelope addressed to The Mother Earth News, in care of The Times. Ask for reprint No. 165 — Stovepipe Power.

Dreams Under Study



dear abby

Greater Evils With Marriage

CHICAGO (AP) — Despite today's troubled times, dream collector Lynda Tipton says she has found no increase in nightmares.

The 29-year-old associate researcher at the Behavioral Science Building on the University of Illinois Chicago campus, has been collecting dreams for two years. She now has 30 "sleep subjects" who spend their nights in soundproof rooms.

"Among the hundreds of dreams, we have had only one clear nightmare and that was a short one," she said. "There are bad dreams and very realistic ones, but a nightmare is something else again."

Her subjects are wired to send impulses to an electroencephalograph (EEG) monitored in the sleep lab by Tipton.

She can tell when dreams start by brain-wave and eye-movement patterns appearing on the EEG.

clothes go, but she doesn't understand the first thing about men's clothes.

I never interfere with her choice of clothing, but she is constantly interfering with mine. If I put on the blue suit, she says, "Why don't you wear the brown one?" And if I put on the brown suit, she says, "Why don't you wear the blue one?"

This really bugs me, and it's now gotten to the point where I will deliberately wear exactly the opposite of what she wants me to just to show her who's boss. But even that doesn't seem to sink in.

How can I get the message across to her that a man has the right to look the way he wants to?

If you print this, it might help. Thanks, pal.

FRED

DEAR FRED: If I print it, it might help her — not you. When she wants you to wear the blue suit, she'll ask you to wear the brown one.

DEAR ABBY: A year ago, a doctor knocked out one of my front teeth—the only tooth I have ever lost. I am 52. I was having an asthma attack and was unconscious, and he was inserting a breathing tube. (Doctors on previous occasions had always given me an adrenaline shot.)

The doctor who knocked out my tooth made no apology. The hospital, however, paid for the necessary dentistry but curiously refused any compensation. Lawyers refused to sue because the amount to be gained would be too small to interest them.

I am enraged by this incompetent doctor and would like to vent my rage by writing to him fairly often, telling him how incompetent and lacking in compassion and good manners he is. I would, of course, sign such letters.

What do you think? — MILL

DEAR MILL: If it will

make you feel any better, go ahead and write, but don't expect an answer. An apology might constitute an admission of incompetence or neglect on his part, and he's probably following his lawyer's advice.



Agents Useful, Tourists Advised

OTTAWA (CP) — The service of a travel agent is free, helpful and worth searching for, the federal consumer affairs department says in advice to people planning overseas trips.

"Travel agents get paid a commission on the tickets they sell and the hotels or other accommodations they book," the department says in a monthly bulletin.

If a travel agent's advice is sought well before a trip, the costs of extras such as long-distance calls and cables can be avoided.

Reputable travel agents, the department says, include those officially recognized by the International Transport Association, by railways or cruise lines.

The ASTA-Canada logo seen in advertisements indicates that the agent is a member of the Association of Canadian Travel Agents, has all the required travel agency connections and has been in the business for at least three years.

Established travel agencies are usually reliable for package tours that include, for one price, airline tickets, hotel

rooms and transport to and from the airport.

However, "it's still a good idea to beware of the deal that sounds too good to be true . . . It may not be."

The consumer affairs department offers these other tips:

— If you get a travel insurance policy, be certain you understand its limitations.

— Passports, visas and documents proving you have been inoculated are your responsibility, even on a package tour, but your travel agent should say exactly what you'll need well in advance of departure.

— For lower prices, travel off-season.

— Study the place you're going to visit through books, brochures and guides before your trip.

— Find out customs regulations and use travellers' cheques so that you won't lose out at duty-free shops or at the hands of a pickpocket.

Meringue Squares

(9x9" pan)

Base:
½ c. margarine
½ c. brown sugar
½ c. sifted all-purpose flour

Topping:
1-3 to ½ c. grape jelly
(or red jelly of your choice)
3 egg whites
½ c. granulated sugar
½ tsp. cinnamon
½ c. chopped walnuts

To make base cream together margarine and sugar then stir in flour until all are blended. Press evenly into a 9x9" pan and bake at 350 deg. Fahr. 10 minutes.

Remove from oven and spread jelly evenly over.

Beat egg whites until stiff gradually adding sugar as you beat. Fold in cinnamon and nuts. Spread evenly over base. Bake at 350 deg. Fahr. 20 minutes longer.

Not perfect, but close," is how Dr. Schultz is reported to have summed up the effectiveness of his new prosthesis. And it is, in fact, close.

Ingeniously crafted, the new knuckle is made up of two parts. One is a special plastic shaft that is slipped into each of the long bones of the hand. The other section is a slender pin made of stain-

less steel, which is inserted into the near, finger bones that join each knuckle.

The finger-bone section carries a small, ball-shaped tip that snaps into a slot on the end of the plastic component in the long bone of the back of the hand. The slot allows the tiny ball a wide range of motion.

The new "joint" is snugged under the end of the patient's own knuckle bone.

Putting the new knuckles into place requires about two hours of operating time, if all four knuckles require implantation.

On the fourth post-operative day, according to a report in a recent issue of the "Journal of the American Medical Association," the patients begin to move their new knuckles. Full use of the hand is achieved in about six weeks.

The implantation of metallic and plastic joints to replace those that are deformed by disease or otherwise irretrievably damaged has developed in recent years to include almost all joints of the body.

The most widely applied and best known is the total hip replacement, pioneered by

Dr. John Charnley of England, whose work has been widely applied by surgeons in this country and has won universal acclaim.

Since this ground-breaking work with the complicated procedure of the total hip replacement, there has been rapid development in devices and techniques to implant artificial knee joints, ankle joints, elbow and shoulder joints.

The work of Dr. Schultz in replacing knuckles is encouraging since only one of his first 150 implanted knuckle joints became infected and required removal of the implant to stop the infection.

This is a remarkable record because whenever joints of the body are opened, there is always the threat of infection no matter how strict the precautions to prevent bacterial invasion from occurring.

For properly selected patients, it seems clear that Dr. Schultz has developed a promising technique for restoring the knuckles and thus the function of the deformed hands of many who suffer with disabling arthritis.

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The graceful peregrine falcon has been the favorite of falconers for more than three thousand years. The word "peregrine" means "coming from foreign parts." The bird got its name because some types are famous for their lengthy migrations.

This is some of the information gleaned from the 4-page folder "Peregrine Falcon" ("Le Faucon Pellegrin").

Actually it is the female which is called the falcon. It is larger than the male which is called the tiercel. Male adults measure 15 to 17 inches and weigh about 1-1/2 pounds. Females are 18-21 inches long and weigh approximately two pounds.

The folder offers much more fascinating information about the peregrine. You can have a copy by writing to: Information Division, Canadian Wildlife Service, Environment Canada, Ottawa, Ontario.

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HOME-COOKED PIE brings a smile to the faces of Rose Migneault, left, and Monique Parisien, two of the new

residents of an Ottawa bungalow newly-renovated to meet the needs of eight handicapped people.

For Handicapped Trio, A Home to Hold Onto

OTTAWA (CP) — For the first time in several years, Mat Brown, Monique Parisien and Suzanne Larocque live in a house they can call home.

The three of them, all physically handicapped adults, have moved into a bungalow where everything, including the kitchen sink, has been adapted to their needs.

"I like the place. I feel at home here. It means more of a normal life," says Ms. Parisien, 35, who was handicapped by polio at age five and confined to a wheelchair for the last six years.

Now she doesn't have to be in bed by 9 p.m. in the hospital room she shared with an 80-year-old woman.

The bungalow, which will be the home of eight disabled people by the end of January, was found, bought and renovated by the members of a

voluntary non-profit corporation called the Carleton-Ottawa Residence for Disabled.

The project started two years ago with a year-long search for a house with hallways wide enough for wheelchair traffic, that wouldn't need an elevator, that fit a limited budget, and that wouldn't mean breaking zoning bylaws.

Other problems followed. For instance, there were no stoves available with control knobs on the front, within easy reach of a wheelchair cook. One with knobs on the side was found.

Sandra Routliffe, one of two resident managers who are not handicapped, now handles cooking chores but she will soon be replaced by Suzanne Larocque, 20, minimally disabled with cerebral palsy and about to find physical independence from her parents for the first time.

Mat Brown, 35, has his own room for the first time in seven years. For the last four he shared a hospital room with four roommates ranging in age from 78 to 97.

"I'm hoping this will be more of a home. I can go to bed when I want, have a pint of beer, invite friends in," Brown says.

Central Mortgage and Housing Corp. is providing the mortgage. David Pitt of the Ontario ministry of community and social services, which has provided a grant to pay most of the operation costs, says he is using the house as a model in developing legislation for housing the physically handicapped. Ms. Parisien says she no longer feels like a "burden to society."

"I hope, though, that society does not forget other handicapped. There should be more places like this."

Before living in a hospital, Ms. Parisien stayed with her sister. "And my sister has four children to look after. I was harming my sister's family by being there," she says.

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Jumpsuit Sales Really Jumping

NEW YORK (NYT) — Many fashion designers showed them, but hardly any anticipated that the jumpsuit would be the runaway success it became this fall.

"If I had, I would have made more of them," Kasper said frankly.

Victor Joris admits he is staggered by the 38,000 suits in jersey (\$80) or gabardine (\$110) his company Cudde-coat, has shipped.

"Stores bought three or four of them in the beginning, but pretty soon they started to sell all over the country — in Texas, California, Florida," he said. "We've practically converted our factory to a jumpsuit factory."

He admitted he had a hunch the jumpsuit might sell as a fashion item for people who like to keep up, but that he did not foresee the strength of its appeal.

"That sort of thing sometimes happens with a good shirt or a skirt," he explained. "But this is a major purchase."

With a good thing on their hands, designers are not likely to let it go. So the spring collections being shown this week are replete with new versions for warm weather.

Jumpsuits are the liveliest contributions to the season ahead at Bill Blass. Nothing that could be mistaken for a mechanic's outfit, of course. They're supple, gentle affairs in striped jersey or crepe de chine and one has pleated legs that takes it far from the

Sports Increasing

CHICOPEE, Mass. (AP) — By 1978 one-third of all participants in school sports will be women, predicts a sporting goods manufacturer. The manufacturer reported that more and more women are active in softball, tennis, baseball and soccer and within three years two million women may be involved in interscholastic sports.

workclothes category. Ordinary trousers in pin-striped wools or flannels are accompanied by vests and coats for street wear, giving a fresh dimension to the pants suit.

And for women who are ready for a skirt, Blass offers a lot of pleated ones topped by loose jackets in matching silk or cardigans that look hand-crocheted or hand-knitted.

The suggestion of Chanel is inescapable for this sort of thing.

His piece de resistance for men is a series of silk styles with hand-painted borders. The best of these is a tunic, open at the sides, over mauve pants. Even without the hand painting, his fabrics are magnificent.

Italian-style jumpsuits are being shown by Nol, the Florence-based company run by Cathy di Montezemolo, the former fashion editor with Jack Bodil and Joe Leombruno, the photographers.

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WE MAY SOON USE SUN TO COOL OFF

LONDON, Ont. (CP) — Robert Swartman, a scientist at the University of Western Ontario, says a number of researchers are trying to develop refrigerators and air conditioners using the energy of the sun.

Within 10 years there might be substantial improvement and solar air-conditioning systems might be different from the elementary ones now existing, Dr. Swartman said in a recent interview.

He said there still is indif-

ference or opposition to solar cooling. Such systems use the energy of the sun to help drive refrigerants through liquid-and-gas cycles that enable them to cause cooling.

He said he has been doing

research in solar cooling for the last eight years and has had problems getting government agencies interested in supplying research funds.

E. P. Cockshutt, energy project co-ordinator for the

family

Even Chlorine Can Prove Dangerous

NEW YORK (NYT) — For more than half a century, making water safe for drinking has consisted primarily of controlling a variety of disease-producing bacteria that can cause epidemics if they contaminate public water supplies.

Now, however, with such organisms fairly well under control, attention has turned to a long list of potentially dangerous chemicals and minerals that are finding their way into the drinking water of millions of people. In fact, the very method used for controlling bacteria — chlorination — appears to contaminate drinking water with chemicals that could be hazardous to health.

Many of the substances being found in water supplies around the U.S. are known or suspected cancer-causing agents; some may cause birth defects; others may act as insidious poisons affecting the heart, liver, kidneys or other organs.

Since these substances probably would not produce any discernible health effects until decades after exposure to them began, any "epidemics" they may cause could easily go undetected.

The presence of these contaminants reflects the increasing complexity of U.S. society, permeated as it is with a wide array of industrial and agricultural chemicals and manufactured materials that can seep, often undetected, into public and private water supplies. The very pipes through which most water supplies flow may be a source of contamination.

Potential drinking water contaminants under study by U.S. government, university and industrial scientists include such known hazards as asbestos, pesticides, nitrates, arsenic, mercury and lead.

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Snowed Under? Swim Out

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (UPI) — Skiers who find themselves trapped by tons of snow robbing down a mountainside might be able to save their lives by resorting to a simple breathstroke.

"Most people don't realize it, but it's possible sometimes to swim with an avalanche as it goes downhill," said meteorologist Knox Williams.

"It's something like body surfing," he said. "People who have actually done it de-

scribe it that way. If you are being carried down head first, you can resort to the breast stroke. If it's feet first, you can act like you're treading water."

The best advice, however, Williams said, is to avoid dangerous areas where avalanches are likely to occur.

Williams, a member of the U.S. Forest Service avalanche warning centre, said snow avalanches have caused 147 deaths in the United States during the last 25 years.

That is an average of six deaths per

year. In the past five years, however, the annual death rate has doubled to about 12, and nearly three-fourths of all avalanche victims were recreationists.

The greatest number of deaths in the past quarter-century occurred in the 1974-75 season: 22 people were killed, including eight in Colorado. The state of Washington reported six victims, including five in a mountain-climbing accident at Mt. St. Helens, while three died in Alaska and two in Wyoming.

Ford Eyes Overhaul Of CIA

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Ford is making tentative decisions on overhauling the CIA and other U.S. government spy organizations, a White House spokesman said today.

White House aides said Ford had been studying a "big book" that included recommendations for revising U.S. intelligence agencies and tightening supervision of their covert actions.

White House press secretary Ron Nessen said that on the way back from St. Louis Monday, Ford conferred with aides Mike Duvall and John Marsh on restructuring the intelligence agencies.

Ford addressed the American Farm Bureau Federation in St. Louis and arranged today to attend the funeral of Richard Welch, a CIA station chief slain near his home in Athens Dec. 23.

Reform of U.S. intelligence agencies has been unfolding for some time. In December, 1974, Ford received a report from then CIA administrator William Colby delineating the nation's involvement in Chilean politics and other covert actions.

Gov't Ripped Off For \$1.1 Billion

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The General Accounting Office says some defense and space contractors overcharged the U.S. government \$1.1 billion during a 25-year period ending June 30, 1974.

The GAO said in a congressional report Monday that figures from the renegotiation board on defense and space contracts showed 526 contractors accounted for 4,572 instances of excess profits during the period — an average \$270,000 overcharge.

A study of board records during four recent fiscal

years, the GAO said, showed excessive profits "were caused by a seller's market which lessened competition and let prices increase" and "were not caused to any great extent by inadequate procurement procedures or poor implementation of procedures by government procurement officials."

The report, which did not name any of the contractors, said 416 different firms were guilty of excessive profits from government contracts during the study of fiscal years 1970 through 1973.

Crime Rate Boost In Alaska Denied

SEATTLE (UPI) — Alaska Lt. Gov. Lowell Thomas Jr. said Monday reports that organized crime has moved into Alaska and crime is rampant have been blown all out of proportion.

He said crime has increased in the 49th state because the population has increased but the percentage of increase is lower than in some other states.

"There is no hard evidence that the mafia is taking over in Alaska and it is far safer to walk the streets of Anchorage or Fairbanks at night than it is in New York, Chicago or other U.S. cities," he said.

Thomas said in spite of the fact that Alaska law enforcement

officials can find no tangible evidence of organized crime penetration, the state is keeping its eyes open.

Prisoner Sentenced

HANOVER, West Germany (Reuters) — A court sent a Second World War Nazi concentration camp prisoner to jail for life for murdering a Jewish prisoner of the camp 30 years ago. The court found Johann Heinrich Wexler, 65, a German who had been a trusted prisoner in the camp at Ahlem, outside Hanover, guilty of hanging a Jewish prisoner in the camp's washroom in the closing months of the war.

HYMNAIS FUEL BLAZE IN WHICH THREE DIE

ST. LOUIS (UPI) — Six hymnals tossed into a wood-burning stove were believed to have been the fuel for a fire in which a mother and her two teenage daughters died Monday.

Killed in the fire were Helen Derickson, 35, and her two daughters, Sharon Kay, 14, and Grace Elaine, 13.

Mrs. Derickson's husband, Phillip, 62, is a retired paper buyer at Concordia Publishing



SQUASH THIS: Christopher Washington, 4, of Orrstown, Pa., sizes up winning squash entry at Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg. Squash weighs a whopping 272½ pounds.

U.S. CONSERVATIVE SHIFT?

NEW YORK (UPI) — American voters would prefer to see the United States move in a more conservative than liberal direction, according to the Harris survey, which reported a 43-to-19 per cent plu-

rality in favor of such an ideological shift.

Another 20 per cent of the 1,475 persons interviewed last month for the poll said they reject either a more conservative or more liberal slant in the nation's future.

"Most people who want to move in a conservative direction said they feel that way because 'the federal government is already spending too much money and we stand the risk of going broke,'" pollster Louis Harris said.

Wipers Fly Off

Times News Services

The U.S. government has ordered the recall of an estimated 185,000 Mercury Capris made by Ford Motor Co. because they may lose windshield wipers in storms, but Ford of Canada does not plan to recall any of the 10,000 models imported between 1971 and 1973.

The agency said it investigated reports of sudden wiper failures on the Capris and found a defect that allowed the wiper arm and blade to be suddenly thrown free of the pivot.

The agency said "when such failures occur in adverse weather, driver vision may be impaired, creating an unreasonable risk of accident, death or sudden injury."

A spokesman for the Canadian company said there have been no reports of accidents in Canada resulting from the windshield-wiper problem.

Vote Granted

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — President Ford has signed legislation requiring states to permit former residents now living outside the United States to register and vote in federal elections through absentee ballots.

MAN, 90, ROBBED BEATEN 5 TIMES

NEW YORK (AP) — Two teen-agers whom a local prosecutor said made a career out of beating up and robbing a 90-year-old man have pleaded guilty to robbery charges.

Tony Bond, 18, and Jerome Stallworth, 19, face maximum prison terms of 25 years each.

Their victim, Abraham Napel, was assaulted by two teenagers as he returned to his apartment after his wife's funeral last April, and police said the pair eventually returned four times to beat and rob him.

Napel told police that during the first attack, the two youths flashed a knife and stole \$25 while warning him not to tell anyone.

In May and June, they allegedly returned and broke into his apartment four more times. Napel said that in addition to taking an undisclosed amount of money, they burned him with cigarettes, cut his fingers and beat him.

"The man told us that he was afraid to tell police because he was positive the pair would kill him," Bronx District Attorney Mario Merola said. "But finally he confided his ordeal to a neighbor who contacted the Bronx senior citizens robbery unit."

The two youths were apprehended in July after police followed Napel to a Bronx subway station where the pair had ordered the elderly man to bring \$300 — the last of his life savings.

Consumer Fraud Crackdown Set

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The U.S. Federal Trade Commission is ready to start a crackdown on consumer fraud in a long list of areas ranging from false claims for cosmetics and tires to misleading promises for investment schemes.

The agency said it is sending letters to selected businesses across the country warning them they may be liable for fines of up to \$10,000 per violation if they engage in practices which other companies in the same industry have been ordered to stop.

The practices being singled out include misrepresenting potential earnings when advertising business opportunities; advertising merchandise which is not available or trying to lure the customer to a more costly item by advertising a cheap "come-on"; false and misleading debt collection practices, and selling damaged merchandise.

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BLOCK BROTHERS MUST PAY \$1/2M

Block Bros. Industries Ltd. and two of its subsidiaries have been ordered by B.C. Supreme Court to pay damages totalling \$586,268.82 plus costs to Grouse Nest Resort Ltd. for breach of contract.

The award was handed down by Mr. Justice Craig Munro and follows a verdict eight months earlier that a breach of contract had occurred.

An appeal is expected.

The case involved financing promised K. S. Kainil, president of Grouse Nest Resort,

by Block Bros. for a subdivision of 340 acres in the Sooke area.

During the development, Block Bros. became concerned about the feasibility of the project and withheld part of the financing.

Last May, a court ruled that a breach of contract had occurred and a subsequent hearing was launched to determine damages.

The award was largely based on an appraisal by P. G. Jackson, a Victoria realtor and appraiser.

Postal Strike Suspensions Permanent?

VANCOUVER (CP) — The president of the city local of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers said Monday that he will recommend to the national body next week that members who crossed picket lines to work during the pre-Christmas strike be suspended permanently.

Peter Whitaker said that his recommendation about what to do about the 27 local members now under suspension "will be that we don't let them back in."

The Vancouver membership is scheduled to meet Jan. 25 and consider whatever recommendation finally comes from the local executive.

The suspended members have continued to work since CUPW does not have a closed-

shop agreement, but operates on the rand formula — everyone pays dues, but does not have to be a union member.

The effect of the suspensions is that the 27 workers will not be permitted to participate in union affairs. They have the right to appeal to the union's national convention, which will be held next in June, 1977.

Whitaker said he did not favor fines which are being considered in the Metro Toronto area. Amounts of \$100 or \$200 are being considered there for about 300 who crossed their union lines, according to Toronto local president Lou Murphy.

"These members made a decision that affected everybody," said Whitaker. "They can't simply repudiate."

Car Insurance Rate Backdown

OTTAWA (CP) — An anti-inflation board spokesman said Monday that the State Farm Insurance Co.'s group has withdrawn its proposal for increases in auto insurance rates.

The board had been expected to rule on the proposed increases — one of the first major price-rise cases to come before it — this week.

The board spokesman said State Farm is expected to resubmit its proposals later. State Farm officials could not be reached for comment.

It is expected that State Farm will have a consultant study its proposal before it is resubmitted to ensure it complies with complex regulations issued Dec. 18, a board spokesman said.

The board so far has ruled only on wage and salary increases. It has been waiting for some time for a major prices case to come before it.

SHERIFF'S SALE

Under and by virtue of a Writ of Fieri Facias issued out of the County Court of Victoria and to me directed against the goods and chattels of Westcoast Sporting Ventures Limited, I have seized and will offer for sale by public auction at the Sheriff's Office, Victoria Law Courts, 847 Courtney St., Victoria, B.C., on Friday the 20th day of January, at the hour of 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon all the right, title and interest of

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that creditors and others having claims against the estate of the above-named Deceased are hereby required to send them to the undersigned Executor at 1057 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C., before the 20th day of February, 1976, after which date the Executor will distribute the said estate amongst the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which it shall then have received notice.

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Under and by virtue of various Writs of Fieri Facias issued out of the County Courts of Victoria and Vancouver, and to me directed against the goods and chattels of Island Stone and Masonry Supplies Limited, I have seized and will offer for sale by public auction at 8321 Tennyson Avenue, Victoria, B.C., on Friday the 20th day of January at the hour of 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon all the right, title and interest of

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Chinese Turning Wasteland Into Farms

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Camels, livestock are herded in mountains of Sinkiang Uighur

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Religion Stops Union

CALGAR Y(CP) — A local attempt to draw Alberta Premier Peter Lougheed into seeking the federal Conservative party leadership has produced a 30-foot-long petition bearing 1,875 signatures.

But Lougheed, a native of Calgary, is sticking to his pledge to serve out his full term as premier despite the effort to absolve him of his commitments to the province by the "Lougheed leadership for Canada committee."

The petition, a 4,100-word telegram, that cost \$66 to send, was forwarded to the premier Saturday night after the committee gathered the signatures in the city last week.

According to the telegram, "Canada can only have a reasonable opportunity for prosperity if you will lead the fed-

eral Conservative party to victory."

There will be no comment from Lougheed on the petition.

The spokesman said the premier has made it perfectly clear that he rejects all attempts to draft him.

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URUMCHI, China (NYT) — More than a million ethnic Chinese settlers have hacked out vast state farms in the once-barren virgin lands of the Sinkiang Uighur Autonomous Region on China's remote northwestern frontier.

In an area west of Urumchi, the regional capital, the state farms stretch across a plain that resembles the prairies, broken by fields of wheat, cotton, sugar beets and rich orchards. Tractors sweep between rows of slim popular trees, planted along irrigation ditches to contain the dust.

The continuing wave of ethnic Chinese settlers, together with native "national minorities," mostly Moslem, who are now organized into prosperous communes, have transformed the pastoral life of this isolated region adjacent to Tibet and the Soviet Union.

Despite the Chinese influx, traditional antagonisms between the Han people — or ethnic Chinese — and the minorities, mostly Uighurs and Kazakhs of Turkish stock, seem to have lessened greatly under the slogan "Unity and Struggle."

According to Chinese and minority officials, the four million Uighurs still make up the largest ethnic group in Sinkiang, China's largest political subdivision. The Kazakhs, together with the other "national minorities" — Kirghiz, Sibo, Tadzhiks, Russians, Uzbeks, Daur Hu (Chinese Moslems), Mongols and Manchus — total one million.

The number of ethnic Chinese is officially put at three million. The 1953 census listed only 300,000.

The minority population has also expanded rapidly because it has no official birth-control program.

Unlike the ethnic Chinese on the state farms, who are paid a fixed salary by the government, most of the rural minority people live in communes whose lands and others assets are collectively owned. The ethnic Chinese, in fewer numbers, work in some communes and side by side with the minority peoples in factories.

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ROLLING STONE

TEN YEARS AFTER the surfacing of the Haight-and-love-based San Francisco rock scene, Grace Slick, one of the so-called queens of so-called acid rock, talked about what's happened to her in those 10 years. One change, she thinks, sums it all up: "Ten years ago," she told us, "I wouldn't have been able to walk into the Jefferson Airplane office with a John Denver record that was not covered in a brown bag. The other day, I walked in... open record... people picked it up, smelled it, threw it at me... I haven't got one friend left. But I'm a John Denver freak."

Slick, known for her hardened sarcasm as well as for her searing, rabid white voice, says she listens to Denver all day long.

"The only two records I've listened to," she said, emphasizing almost every word, "are John Denver's Greatest Hits... and a Red Octopus... Red Octopus to find out what we did, 'cause it's platinum (over 1 million units sold) — and I wouldn't buy that record — I wouldn't buy it for five cents! Not that I don't like it; I think it's all right, but it just doesn't rip my brains out. I bought John Denver, and he's on RCA, so I could get it free — but I couldn't wait!"

What is it about John Denver that... er... rips Grace's brains out? "He's a good writer," she said simply. "I don't give a s--- that he looks like a... turkey."

The Starship are on vacation — Slick and Paul Kantner were planning a Hawaiian holiday before returning to the studios — but she intends to ask Denver if he'd like her to harmonize on his next album. She expects him to outright refuse.

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TEN YEARS AFTER... Country Joe McDonald, who with his Fish were the most political — and acidic — of the original rock bands, has reformed the group and introduced it New Year's Day at the Crater Festival in Diamond Head, Honolulu.

McDonald, who's gone through numerous bands and solo efforts through the years (his latest album, Paradise with an Ocean View, is under his own name), will try to recreate the show-business aura of the old Fish. But the revolutionary rhetoric of the

old days will be missing. Joe has misgivings about his Sixties cheerleading.

"We were really playing with fire," he said. "There were people who just started talking it literally. They got strung out on drugs and killed themselves and other people... VR is rampant because of this great promiscuity rift, and 'free love' and 'make revolution' really got out of hand. And every band

with a level business head — he was one of the first to score a sizeable advance on his recording contract — is on top of the heap, settled into a six-figure hilltop house in Marin County. Since his hit record, *The Joker*, last year, he's stayed on the road and helped three carpenter friends from Texas work over his house.

In his home studio — converted from a patio — he's recorded and almost finished 20 new songs. And although he didn't quite make it for this past year, he hopes to issue a Christmas album next winter. Right, a Christmas album. "I've always wanted to make one," he said, "an acoustic album of all the great traditional tunes."

TEN YEARS AFTER... and Dan Hicks, one of the original Charlatans (the well-dressed and well-intentioned but sloppy band that played the first long-hair dance in October, 1965), is a business person.

Hicks, who broke up his Hot Licks just when people were catching on, is part-owner, with fellow former Charlatan George Hunter, of a new nightspot in San Francisco, fashioned in the manner of a Paris hot spot.

Hicks, Hunter and a French partner just got back from a furnishing expedition in France, and Lonesome Dan expects to get up on stage now and again.

But for the last year, he's lived on songwriting royalties (especially Walkin' One and Only, on Maria Muldaur's first hit album) and on \$3,000 he pulled in for appearing, dazed as ever, on a TV commercial for McDonald's, trying to recite, "All beef patties special sauce lettuce cheese pickles onions on a sesame seed bun" — but never quite getting started.

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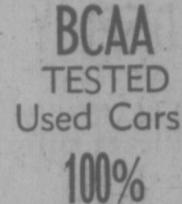
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DENNIS THE MENACE



The Bridge Expert

By FRED KARPIN

Today's deal features a bit of sterling defense by the East-West defenders. The hand came up in a duplicate game. Both sides vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♦ J 9 5 4
♥ A 10 9 8 5
♦ A K
♦ 10 4

WEST **EAST**
♦ K Q 10 8 ♦ 6 2
♦ 6 3 ♦ K 7 4
♦ 10 6 5 2 ♦ J 8 7 4
♦ Q 7 3 ♦ A 9 6 2

SOUTH
♦ A 7 3
♦ Q 2
♦ Q 9 3
♦ K 5

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 2 N.T. Pass
3 NT Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♣.

West's opening lead of the spade king was captured by South's ace, after which the queen of hearts was led, with the finesse being taken against West's hoped-for king. East allowed the queen to win the trick.

The jack of hearts then followed, with another finesse taken. East, of course, won the trick with the king. East now made a fine play when he led the deuce of clubs, putting South to a guess as to whether to play the jack (hoping East had the queen), or the king (hoping that East was underdealing the ace). He made

the wrong guess when he decided to insert the jack.

Upon winning the jack with the queen, West returned a club, East taking the trick with his ace. East now proceeded to lock declarer in dummy by playing a diamond to the board's king. After cashing the diamond ace and dummy's three remaining hearts, declarer had to lead a spade off the board, enabling West to make two spade tricks.

In retrospect, perhaps declarer should have played the hand differently. Actually, it is a most difficult hand to play safely to nine tricks. Possibly the best line of play would be to take the ace of spades and fire a spade right back, on the assumption (hope) that West's spade suit was headed by the K-Q-J. If such were the case, then dummy's jack and nine of spades would both become promoted into winners; and West's only spade winner would be the queen.

As an aside, at many of the tables, over South's response of two notrump, North chose to rebid his hearts, which South carried to four hearts. This contract was invariably defeated at least one trick, with the defenders making two spade tricks, one heart, and one club. In a few cases, declarer misjudged the club setup, and ended up losing two club tricks.

And so, despite the fact that three notrump suffered a defeat, it was a good contract and might well have been fulfilled against defenders of lesser ability.

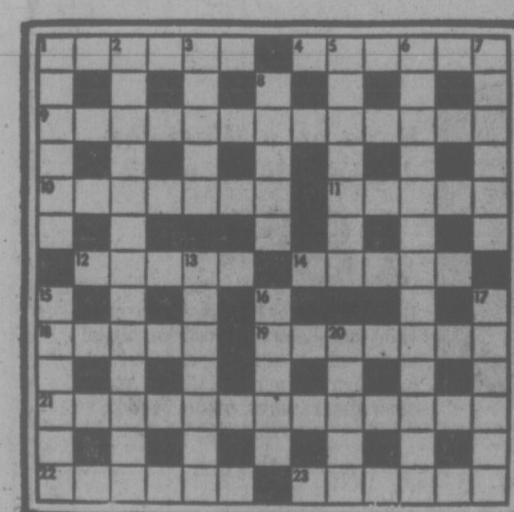
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ANSWERS TO MONDAY'S PUZZLE

Across:	17 Arc	4 Anchorage
1 Cattle dealer	18 Tiers	5 Elect
7 An Act	19 Simon	6 Steeplechase
8 Chest	21 Present tense	7 Arson
9 Gas	10 Seahorses	13 Drawn
10 Step on the	1 Charge-sheets	14 Puts on
11 Sandal	2 Lea	16 Clear
12 Handel	3 Dotted	20 Mat

CLUES

- ACROSS:**
 1 Tell us if Tony is upset (6)
 4 One boy goes to post office for lethal stuff (6)
 9 No temporary good-bye gesture for a hair-do (9, 4)
 10 The point where nothing further can be expected (7)
 11 Drive one politician to the Spanish (5)
 12 Would reform if saw abandoned children (5)
 14 A place of oblivion for some humble theologians (5)
 18 Hurried back in home-made carriage (5)
 19 Loud complaint of 150 having love affair (7)
 21 Twice gain men wrongly through partly indelicate ambiguity (6, 7)
 22 The deity that took a seat on a vessel (6)
 23 Iris gets no return on large bottle (6)
- DOWN:**
 1 Youngster who pinches (6)
 2 Look up the bill and make good use of it (4, 2, 7)
 3 Passion brings renown about fifty (5)
 5 Survive, emerging full of power (7)
 6 Unscrupulous filming of marksmanship? (5-8)
 7 Irritate the French with poverty (6)
 8 How many were observed about five? (5)
 13 Nero? (7)
 15 They won't be missed any longer (6)
 16 A rogue in the southern army quarters (5)
 17 Monster will continue tediously (6)
 20 Be of use to a number who are ill (5)



SOLUTION WEDNESDAY

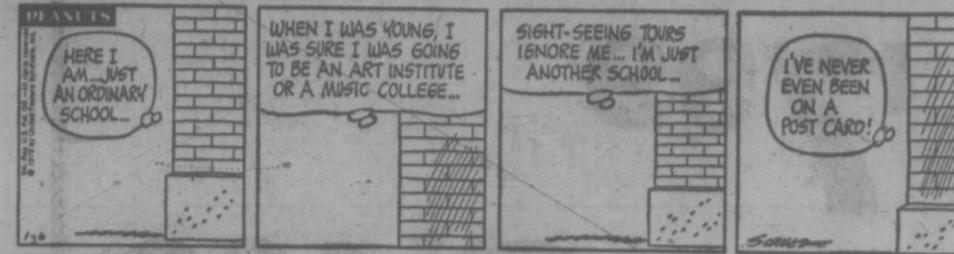
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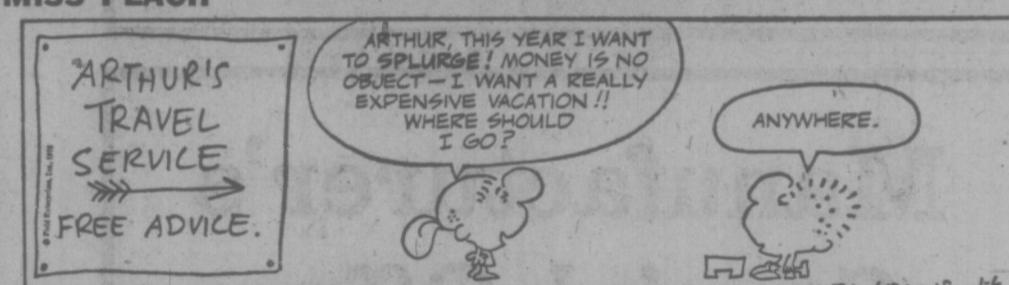
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AIR CANADA NOW \$10M IN RED?

MONTREAL (CP) — Air Canada expects to have a \$10-million deficit for 1975, following a \$9.2-million deficit in 1974, Pierre Taschereau, acting chairman, said today.

The prospects for 1976 also appear grim although modest traffic growth was predicted.

If inflationary trends can be slowed "the economic outlook for air transportation could show slight improvement in 1976," Mr. Taschereau said.

The 1975 deficit was attributed to uncertainties in the Canadian and world economies which affected the volume of travellers and commodities. About 11 million passengers were carried in 1974.

Passenger traffic was down on all overseas services. Stiff competition from charter operators was blamed.

"The rising price of aviation fuel continues to be one of Air Canada's major financial problems," said Mr. Tas-

chereau, the temporary replacement of Yves Pratte, who resigned in November.

"The airline's fuel bill rose by 23 per cent or \$32 million over 1974," he said. "While this was due in part to additional flying, 85 per cent of the increase was attributed to higher fuel prices at home and abroad."

Skyrocketing fuel costs also were given as the major reason for the 1974 deficit.

If further fuel price increases materialize in 1976 there will again be severe pressures on the price of air transportation."

Air Canada reduced the number of its employees by three per cent to 20,700 last year but the total payroll increased to \$377 million from \$326 million in 1974 because of higher wages and salaries.

Revenue passenger miles on scheduled services declined by two per cent in 1975 and air cargo revenue ton miles decreased by three per cent.

AL CAPONE GANGSTERISM IN ULSTER Troops Mass After Killings

Times News Services

BELFAST — Britain rushed hundreds of troops and militia reinforcements into Armagh today in a bid to head off revenge killings by Protestants outraged at the massacre of 10 of their number by suspected Irish Republican Army gunmen.

Britain's chief minister in Northern Ireland, Mervyn Rees, summoned political leaders of both Roman Catholic and Protestant communities to an emergency conference to consider how to halt the spiraling wave of sectarian assassinations that took 16 lives in 24 hours.

He termed the machine-gun massacre of the 10 textile workers aboard a bus Monday as "pure Al Capone gangsterism."

"The killings were not political acts," he added. "It is murder. It is thuggery."

The gunmen "stand condemned in the sight of God and man," said William Cardinal Conway, the Catholic primate of all Ireland.

"Those who take a life for a life are splitting in the face of Christ."

Security officials said more than 1,000 troops and part-time militia men were blanketing the South Armagh region where the Protestants were lined up and shot Monday as they rode home from work.

Extra troops moved in early today and the 3rd battalion of the South Down Ulster Defence Regiment, a part-time militia force, was mobilized to back up police and troops cov-

ering the 640 square-mile area.

Reports from the hilly region said both Catholic and Protestant families were abandoning isolated farmhouses and moving in with friends and relatives in the comparative safety of local towns and villages with men were working the farms during the day but seeking refuge before dark.

The police also blamed the IRA for another ambush Monday night in which a policeman was killed and two others were wounded near Castledawson, 40 miles west of Belfast.

Police said at least a dozen gunmen took part in the bus ambush.

The police gave this account of the killings:

**They Must
Be Able
To Read
TV Guide**

LOS ANGELES (UPI)

— The board of education has laid down a new rule: Beginning with the class of 1979, no high school diplomas for those who can't read — at least well enough to understand a TV guide, labels, signs and government forms like social security and welfare applications.

The board passed the rule Monday night, demanding that students not be given high school diplomas unless they possess at least what one member called "survival" reading ability.

It will not apply for three years because it was felt to be unfair to the current crop of senior high school students.

Students entering the 10th grade next September will be given the new senior high assessment of reading proficiency test, and will get four chances to pass it to qualify for a diploma.

School officials said the test will be changed each year to prevent students who cannot read from passing by memorizing it after taking it so many times.

The board mandated that the test be designed to show that a student can read well enough to qualify in three areas:

—Follow directions to fill out applications for documents such as driver's licences, unemployment insurance claims, voting registration, social security forms and job applications.

—Understand labels, want ads, traffic signs, news stories, warranties, credit applications and cheque books.

—Understand road maps, electric bills, TV guides, job resumes and cash register tapes.

No Promises: Bennett Eyes ICBC Reliefs

Avalanche Kills 10

ANKARA (AP) — An avalanche killed 10 persons in eastern Turkey today as wind and snow storms swept across the country, paralysing highway traffic, the state radio reported.

The radio said the avalanche, which injured another nine persons, struck in the eastern province of Diyarbakir.

The storm left two passenger buses, each carrying 40 persons, missing between the eastern cities of Erzurum and Van and knocked out electricity in many eastern towns, the broadcast said.

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PROPERTY TAX HIKES SEEN

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Premier Bennett said Monday he has asked ICBC to come up with ways to "soften the blow" of higher Autoplan premiums.

He made no promises and was vague about what could be done but the answer could come as early as Thursday when cabinet meets and is expected to have the new rate book recommended by ICBC.

The new premiums are already softened by the decision to spread the losses over 10 years, so each year only 10 per cent of the deficit is paid off.

Bennett said he didn't blame British Columbians for being upset with the new rates and he didn't want "to see the people of BC fall into the hands of loan sharks."

But he said people will have to face reality, accept the financial picture of ICBC and take action to make it better immediately.

Meanwhile Victoria NDP MLA Charles Barber is co-ordinating a massive letter-writing protest campaign against the new Autoplan rates.

Port George MLA Howard Lloyd said he wants the government to take a second look" at the new ICBC rates.

Bennett said ICBC has been instructed to prepare rate structures which would involve no government subsidy and that policy will not be changed.

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The Year That Was . . . A Very Wet, Dull One

Ask the Victoria weatherman what he thought about 1975 and he'll sum it all up in two words — wet and dull.

The year was the wettest here since 1967, the 10th wettest in the 88 years rainfall records have been kept.

At Gonzales Observatory which recorded rainfall on 133 days, eight less than the average, the deluge totalled 830.8 mm — 165.7 mm or 20 per cent above normal.

And at Victoria International Airport, 20 miles away, it rained 157 days, five more than normal, depositing 1,054.4 mm of water, an increase of 224.9 mm over the average.

The sun managed to burst through the clouds a total of 2,138.2 hours during the year at Gonzales, 404.6 hours at the airport. Compared with the average figures there were 51.9 hours less sunshine at the former, 15.1 hours less at the latter.

The mean wind speed for the month at Gonzales was 11.8 mph, a half a mile an hour less than normal, and at the airport 5.7 mph, 2.2 mph less than normal.

One new record was set during the month — a new daily maximum for the 26th, 11.8 degrees, breaking the previous record of 10 degrees for that day set in 1935.

Despite the absence of sun on 14 days, the month still ended with a total of 75.8 hours of sunshine at Gonzales, 66.2 hours at the airport making it the brightest December since 1960 when the sun shone 80.2 hours.

There were two days with measurable snow — on the 4th and 5th — that amounted to 0.8 cm and half was reported on one day, the 30th.

The total precipitation during the month was 181.5 mm at Gonzales (up 65.5 mm from the normal) and 185.6 mm at the airport (an increase of 40.1 mm).

VANCOUVER (CP) — The judicial recount of ballots cast in the Dec. 11 B.C. general election in the Coquitlam riding began Monday after legal snags caused a delay of almost seven hours.

The recount, which is not expected to conclude until Thursday, is being held on application of former premier Dave Barrett, who lost to Social Credit candidate George Kerster 18,660 to 18,641, a 19-vote margin.

The delay occurred because independent candidate Bernd Stoelzel had not been properly notified on the recount. Stoelzel had polled 67 votes in the election.

For reasons not made clear Monday, a number of such valid ballot envelopes — at least 50, possibly more — had not been opened or counted in Coquitlam.

La Croix argued that under the rules in the Elections Act for conducting recounts, the only unopened ballot envelopes that can be opened and counted are those defined by the act as "special ballots."

These are ballots cast under affidavit in advance polls, and in absentee voting by persons unable to vote on election day in their own ridings. La Croix argued that "special ballot" specifically applies only to these advance and absentee ballots, and that the Section 80 ballots in question must remain unopened.



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Taiwan Outage

TAIPEI (UPI) — An island-wide power blackout today trapped thousands of persons in elevators, shut down production in thousands of factories and caused massive traffic jams in Taipei.

Canadian Wins

INZELL, West Germany (CP-Reuters) — Andrew Barron of Edmonton won the men's 10,000-metre event at a two-day international speed skating tournament today, defeating Sandys of Britain and Schatz of West Germany.

Blaze Claims Nine

BRIGHTON, England (AP) — Four persons were killed early today and five others were believed dead in a fire that swept through the five-story seafront Royal Hotel about 2 a.m.

Strike Threat

TOULOUSE, France (AP) — The Communist-led union at a plant where the supersonic Concorde jetliner is made said today it will urge French airport workers not to service United States planes if the U.S. refuses to grant the Concorde landing rights.

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One of the more frustrated parents, Gary Geddes said after the two-hour meeting that parents might boycott the proposal planned for this year.

"Whether you're aware of it

or not Bank Street is the best of all, an old-fashioned small school and we want to keep it that way," said one parent during the meeting.

But the parents met an immovable force in board chairman Bill Ross.

"Our problem is to try and find the money to maintain the level of service. Politicians have been too generous with the yeses and too slow to say no. We may well be into an area where politicians are not appreciated for these decisions."

Ross explained he thinks it "abhorrent" to spend the \$50 million on previously planned capital expenditures in this district when there's a declining population.

The meeting was part of a series of meetings with parents about proposals which will save the board an estimated \$1.3 million by 1978, by curtailing some school services and transferring students to other schools where space is not being used.

Ross said the board was moving in the direction of a plan to phase out use of the old building at Bank Street in September, 1976, restricting classes to primary level to eliminate renovation costs of the old building.

But parents suggested the board was responsible for the flagging population because it was always "fiddling" with the boundaries.

"Why don't you close the top two floors of (neighboring) Margaret Jenkins school in 1958, shortened in 1961. In 1966 when Bank's new building was constructed children were moved back to the new facility after earlier being shifted to other schools."

In 1970, says the brief, over-crowding resulted in reduced boundaries. In 1975 the school is informed it will be closed, and:

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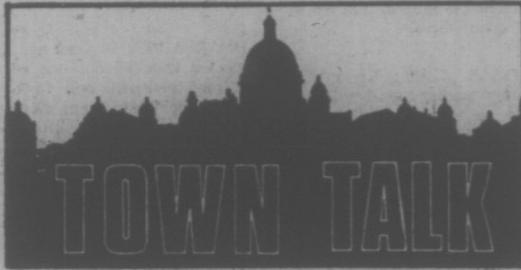
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At Monday's council meeting, Ald. John McDonald said motorists have been "getting off very cheap" and newcomer Ald. David Paterson remarked, "The public has enjoyed very low rates for the last two years."

In spite of this, council went on record as objecting to the increases, agreeing with Ald. Fred Severson and Mayor Ed Lum that poor bus service in Saanich made car-driving a necessity.

Ald. Maurice Johnson voted against the motion, along with McDonald and Paterson.

The government bureaucracy, at all levels, is grinding back into action this week after a hiatus which reached right back to Christmas Eve.

Last Friday, for example, there were only 21 of an estimated staff of 65 on duty at the Yates Street office of the Capital Regional District.

It was thin pickings at municipal and provincial government offices too. At a local ICBC office the lady on the switchboard said only emergency claims were being handled.

The 12 days of Christmas was the length of the festive holiday in ancient times. With Christmas and New Year's Day near mid-week, the old ways are making a comeback.

Next year Christmas and New Year's fall on Saturdays. But don't bet it will be much more productive.



A large Happy Days Are Here Again banner was hoisted atop the Beacon Hill Villa at 635 Superior shortly after the Social Credit election victory.

Co-owner of the home for the retired, Mrs. Barbara Gaddes, said Monday the sign probably will be taken down this week.

Could the Socreds' whopping car insurance rate increase have anything to do with the sign's downfall?

Sacre Bleu ... Tory blue that is, and vive le premier Scott Wallace, alias Bill Bennett.

If you're confused, it's nothing to the confusion created back east when La Presse, the French-language afternoon newspaper in Montreal, reported on B.C.'s Dec. 11 election.

Under a picture of provincial Tory leader Wallace, all smiles after his constituency win in Oak Bay, the paper identified him as Bill Bennett.

Word is that Wallace is tickled pink — or should that be blue? — with his promotion.

The Sales and Marketing Executives of Victoria, who collectively sell just about everything else, will hear how to merchandise a political party at their first meeting of the new year Jan. 12.

Soiled party president Peter Hyndman will describe "the marketing of the Social Credit Party."

Program chairman Brian Hobbs has pencilled in the Empress Ballroom for the event if he can sell a large number of Social Credit workers and supporters on the idea of attending.

Regional hydrographer Mike Bolton, of Environment Canada, is back from a two-month stint as acting dominion hydrographer in Ottawa, much wiser in the ways of upper-level bureaucrats.

"I wanted to see how the other half lived — the people who get the financing for our programs," he said. But he thinks this is "the real world" in Victoria.

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